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HASINA POISED TO RETAIN POWER IN TODAY'S BANGLADESH ELECTION

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to win a fourth straight term in Bangladesh general elections today amid an Oppn call for strike

OPPOSITION LEADER UNDER HOUSE ARREST

The main opposition, Bangladesh Nationalist Party, of former premier Khaleda Zia, who is under house arrest as a convict of graft charges, on Saturday began a 48-hour nationwide strike against the government amidst sporadic violence. About 27 political parties are contesting the elections, including the opposition Jatiya Party | P9, P11

100 GLOBAL OBSERVERS TO MONITOR POLLS

■ As many as 100 observers from across the world, including three from India, will be scrutinising the polls. Amid the possibility of unrest, 700 Rapid Action Battalion teams have been deputed on election duty
■ Voting for the 12th general elections will start at 8 am and end at 5 pm. The results are expected to start flowing in early on January 8

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COSTLY SPAT

Truck kills 4 of 8 people arguing on road over mishap

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kundgol

FOUR people died on the spot when a speeding truck ran over them at Belligatti village in Kundgol taluk on Saturday morning. One person, who was injured in the accident, is under treatment.

They were busy arguing on the road after the cars in which they were travelling met with a minor accident, when the truck ran over them. The deceased have been identified as Chandan Gowda, 39, Manikant, 26, and Pavan, 23, of Arkalgud in Hassan district, and Harish Kumar, 40, an engineer from Bengaluru. Five people were in the Goa-bound car from Hassan and three in the other car proceeding towards Shirdi from Bengaluru. After getting down from their cars, they began blaming each other for the accident when the truck from Tamil Nadu, which was proceeding to Mumbai, ran over them. The police have taken the truck driver into custody. Overspeeding and poor visibility due to fog might have caused the accident, said the police.

Minister Santosh Lad and SP Gopal Byakod visited the spot.

EXPRESS READ

Poojari walks out of jail, says arrest 'conspiracy' by police

HUBBALLI: Hindu activist Srikanth Poojari, who was arrested by the Hubballi police and got bail on Friday, walked out of jail on Saturday evening. After coming out of jail, Poojari stated that he was arrested for being a Bajrang Dal activist and it was a conspiracy by the police | P4

Inspect emergency exits of Boeing 737-8 Max, airlines told

NEW DELHI: Aviation watchdog DGCA on Saturday directed domestic airlines to immediately carry out inspection of emergency exits of all Boeing 737-8 Max planes in their fleets as an "abundant precautionary measure" in the wake of the Alaska Airlines incident.

Day after attack, suo motu police case against ED

Agency officers attacked at Bongaon as well; ex-head of civic body arrested in ration scam

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

A day after the horrific attacks on Enforcement Directorate (ED) officers when they raided the house of Trinamool Congress leader Shahjahan Sheikh in North 24 Parganas in a ration scam case, both sides filed police complaints against each other.

Besides, the police lodged a suo motu case against the ED officers, charging them with molestation, forcible entrance and theft. Another FIR lodged on the basis of a complaint from the caretaker of Shahjahan's house charged the agency's officers with attempted break in without any warrant.

For its part, the ED e-mailed its complaint to the director general of police and superintendent of Basirhat police district, making serious charges, including attempt to murder against the attackers and its perpetrators. However, no one was arrested in connection with the attack on the ED officers.

Parallely, Union Home minister Amit Shah is understood to have sought a report from West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose on Friday's attack. Though

Bose summoned the state chief secretary and the director general of police to Raj Bhavan on Friday, both failed to turn up even a day after the incident.

Late on Friday night, another set of ED officers faced a similar attack from Trinamool supporters while arresting former chairman of Bongaon civic body Shankar Adhya in the same ration scam. Adhya's followers surrounded the sleuths and smashed the rear windshield of one of its vehicles. Fortunately, none of the ED officers was injured.

"A group of Adhya's followers attacked us when we were taking him out of his Bongaon residence. The central police personnel had to lathi-charge the crowd," said an ED officer.

Former food and supplies minister Jyotipriya Mallick was among the first to be arrested in the ₹2,000 crore scam on October 27. The agency also searched Adhya's in-laws' house in the same area and recovered ₹8 lakh cash and incriminating evidence. "Adhya was a close aide of Mallick. We found clinching evidence showing his direct involvement in the scam," said the officer.



Shahjahan Sheikh

India gets bigger halo as Aditya reaches its final Sun study orbit



Artistic impression of Aditya in orbit | ISRO

CONTINUOUS VIEWING

From the L1 point, Aditya has the advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any occultation or eclipses, ISRO scientists said. It will help observe solar activities and their effects in real time

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN its maiden solar mission, ISRO's Aditya-L1 successfully injected itself into its final orbit on Saturday around 4 pm.

Aditya-L1 performed its final and crucial manoeuvre to reach its destination, Lagrange Point 1 (L-1), achieving another milestone for India and its space aspirations. ISRO achieved this with great precision and at a frugal cost.

"Halo-Orbit Insertion (HOI) of its solar observatory spacecraft, Aditya-L1, was accomplished at 16.00 Hrs (approx) on January 6, 2024 (IST). The final phase of the manoeuvre involved the firing of control engines for a short duration," ISRO said in a statement.

The insertion of Aditya-L1 in the halo orbit presented a critical mission phase, which demanded precise navigation and control. A successful insertion further involved constant monitoring along with the adjustment of the spacecraft's speed and position by using onboard thrusters.

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Timing their bundle of joy with consecration

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

RIYA Choudhary (name changed) is a first-time expectant mother in Patna whose due date falls on January 24. However, she, like many other pregnant women in Bihar's capital, has requested her doctor at the Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) to advance the date to January 22 so that it coincides with the consecra-

tion of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

"I want to deliver my baby at the time when the consecration ceremony of Ram temple is held in Ayodhya," she said. She is not alone. More than 50 soon-to-be mothers and their family members have in recent days approached doctors at PMCH and other hospitals in Patna with requests to either advance the due date or postpone it so that the baby can be

born on the auspicious day.

Kalpna Kumari (name changed) is also looking forward to giving birth on the auspicious day. "The *shubh muhurt* (auspicious period) has been finalised by my in-laws," she said. Her doctor, a noted gynaecologist at a private hospital in Patna, had fixed January 25 as her due date. However, her in-laws requested the doctor to do the surgery on January 22.

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Har Pal Aapke Saath

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

A land narrates the culture of the people who reside on it. Similarly, 'mandh', also known as 'mandh maani', are tiny pieces of land found in villages of Kodagu, which intimately re-cite the identity, culture, traditions and way of life of the Kodava people. Even as these pieces of land are given sacrosanct status in several regions of Kodagu, they come alive with vibrant culture during the festivities of the Kodavas.

Rich greenery surrounded by age-old trees and serene mountain peaks and the silence of nature broken by the sound of traditional drums and people dancing in tune with the rhythmic sounds — this is a common sight in the mandh regions after the harvest festival of Puthari across Kodagu.

While documents mention mandh as paisari lands, they are much more than just a piece of land — they are cultural hubs preserving the traditions of the Kodava community.

"Known as the cultural centres of the Kodava community, mandhs come alive with traditions and culture once or twice each year. Folk dance, art, culture and traditions of the Kodava community are exhibited on mandhs. While mandhs are mostly sacrosanct places, they bustle with activity during Kailpoldh and Puthari festivities," explained Madetira Beliappa, former joint secretary, Madikeri Kodava Samaj, a member of Kodava Sahitya Academy and an artist at Madikeri Akashvani. He is also president of the uru mandh (village mandh) of Kadagadal village.

As he explains, mandhs are a connection between an individual and society. They play the role of multipurpose auditoriums and have taken up preserving and promoting the rich Kodava culture. "Mandhs are the first places that introduce the

culture of the community to children. They also adorn the role of training spots," K Shashi Somaiah, a resident of Madikeri, adds.

Promotion of culture, tradition

After Puthari, the community participates in a cultural extravaganza. Cultural programmes are not hosted amid the four walls but on mandhs. Puthari Kolat is a folk dance that is hosted right after a harvest. After paddy is harvested, every village hosts Puthari Kolat aka Puthari Mandh Namma across the mandhs. While Kolata is performed with colourful sticks that are usually short, lengthy canes are used to perform Puthari Kolat. The villagers get together at the mandh even as they take part in the Kolat.

"During ancestral times, Puthari Kolat used to be hosted across all mandh regions up to five days after Puthari. While the Kolat started off at one mandh, it ended at the main mandh of the district on the fifth day of the festivities. After this, the sound of the canes falls silent," explains Beliappa. He, however, added that Puthari Kolat is now hosted across the mandhs throughout the month.

Right after the timings are fixed following astrological readings to observe the harvest festival of Puthari, every village prepares to host Puthari Namma across the mandh regions. "Currently, committees are formed by villagers to host these cultural programmes. Every village has a head from one particular Kodava clan and they are called thakkas. They call for a meeting even as finance for it is crowd-funded," Beliappa adds. While Kolat forms the basis of the cultural programmes, several other folk arts, including Balo Paat (songs in praise of the village, village heads and deities), Bolkaat (traditional lamp dance), Umathaat (a traditional dance performed by women) and Pareyakali (a mock fight with canes to exhibit

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Mandh, the curator of Kodava culture



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1. A group of men perform Balo Paat, a traditional performance, during a temple festival 2. Women perform Umathaat at a naad mandh 3. Two Kodava men perform Pare Kali 4. A group of Kodava men perform Kolaat in their traditional attire 5. The young and old perform Kolaat during the festive month of Puthari | EXPRESS



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it the warrior culture) also take place.

Apart from Puthari, the mandhs also come alive during the festival of Kailpoldh. While Puthari calls for a cultural extravaganza, Kailpoldh festivities call for unique sports activities — from coconut shooting to throwing heavy stones, the mandhs exhibit the warrior culture of the

Kodava clans.

The mandh is also filled with activities during the ancient practice of nari mangala (tiger wedding). As Beliappa explains, "Kodavas were warriors who often hunted in the bygone era. When a warrior kills a tiger, a ritual called nari mangala — where the warrior is married to the tiger he killed — is conducted with unique wedding-like rituals."

Kinds of mandhs

Mandhs are categorised into different types and have an ancestral history. In ancestral times, mandhs were not just cultural hubs but played a more serious role of courts providing justice. Any village dispute would be settled amicably in mandhs. Like the hierarchy in courts, mandhs were also divided into categories.

Vaade is the mandh attached

to the traditional houses of Ain Mane and they are in the possession of a single family. Then there is Keri mandh which belongs to the entire village. Uru mandh falls under two or more villages and the Naad mandh are regions that fall under a cluster of big villages. Seem mandhs are the biggest mandh regions, which according to community elders, hold the prominence of the Supreme Court that declares the final verdict.

Mandhs started losing their importance a few decades ago. While the district had over 240 mandhs, only 70 to 80 exist now. Encroachment, government possession and other factors led to the deterioration of the sacrosanct mandhs. Nevertheless, the community is now alert about this situation even as several individuals, Kodava Samajas and other Kodava organisations have initiated the

task of reviving mandhs. As Beliappa explains, "As per land documents, mandhs are paisari lands that come under the possession of the government. Over a decade ago, several development projects were carried out on village mandhs by

the government. However, the community is now alert and several mandhs have been revived. The community will continue to preserve these sacred lands and changes need to be made to land documents to ensure permanent protection."

NLSIU inks academic-exchange MoU with Singapore centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE National Law School of India University (NLSIU) announced a Memorandum of Understanding with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) to promote international best practices in the field of arbitration through curriculum development, lectures, workshops and internships.

The partnership will focus on developing a new module on 'SIAC and Institutional Arbitration' to be integrated into the existing curriculum.

Several joint academic initiatives including annual lectures, seminars and joint training programmes that promote the development and practice of international arbitration will be organised. An internship programme will be facilitated

for NLS students at SIAC.

NLSIU Vice-Chancellor Sudhir Krishnaswamy said, "As India aims to establish itself as a hub of international arbitration, NLSIU will take the lead in developing academic and training programmes necessary for India's success in this endeavour.

This collaboration with the SIAC will help us bring international best standards and best practices to the Indian legal environment, jointly promote the development of international commercial dispute resolution mechanisms, and foster an international perspective in the next generation of arbitration practitioners."

NLSIU will also offer a new elective course on Mediation in collaboration with UC Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) in the March 2024 term.

GOVT AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Shivakumar launches mobile apps to protect Bengaluru's lakes, parks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar held the third meeting of 'Government at your Doorstep' at Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) East Zone, where he launched the mobile applications Hasiru Rakshak, Udyana Mitra and Kere Mitra, with the sole intention of protecting parks and lakes in the city.

He told the media that the initiative was to rope in and enthuse schoolchildren to plant saplings to increase the green cover in the city. In 2023-24, 1 lakh saplings were planted by 52,015 children in partnership with 224 schools and colleges. Students who manage to take care of the plant for three years will be rewarded, he added. Parks in the city will be handed over to local residents to manage through the Udyan Mitra Yojana. With this, 1,200 parks in the city will be taken care of and the public will be further encouraged to maintain them.

DKS receives pleas

At the event, he received several petitions from the public.



Shweta, who runs Jyoti Seva School for Blind Children on Tannery Road, petitioned Shivakumar about BBMP's high taxation, to which the DCM responded positively.

He said the government will amend rules after discussing it with officials. Penalties have been slapped on people, who have built commercial properties in residential plots. Residents said penalties are too high and deadlines too short. Shivakumar promised to extend deadlines for payment of penalties and simplify the process, he added. While the government will

bring in reforms, it is important that people also pay taxes promptly as per properties they own, he added. Asked about the demand of families for the release of those arrested in KJ Halli and DJ Halli riots, he said every decision should be within the legal framework.

"As the BJP government has pressed certain specific charges, they are not released. The guilty must be punished and the innocent spared. The MLAs concerned have also spoken to me about it. We will come to a decision after talking to our legal team."

K'taka Postal Circle releases special covers on IISc, Aditya-L1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE 13th state level philatelic exhibition — KARNAPEX-2024, organised by Karnataka Postal Circle saw several special covers that were released on Saturday at Kanteerava Indoor Stadium. K Kasturirangan, Advisor, Raman Research Institute and former ISRO Chairman inaugurated the event and unveiled covers on the Indian Institute of Science-Centenary Statue, a memorial devoted to the founder of IISc, India's revolution in the financial sector and UPI.

The last cover was on the launch of India's first solar mission Aditya-L1. Kasturirangan in his brief address recalled the achievements of ISRO in harnessing space technology for the nation's development and tremendous activities happening in various fields of science and technology over the years. He also gave insights into the current project of ISRO, Aditya-L1. He encouraged attendees to develop creativity and originality of mind, which will help the future generations.

N Sudheer Kumar, Director, CBPO, ISRO spoke about the

Cover on BBP

A special cover of Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) was released during the exhibition on Saturday by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Shri Subhash K Malkhede. Dr Harini Nagendra, Director, Azim Premji University, Shri Surya Sen, Executive Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park were present.

coincidence of the release of special cover on India's first solar mission Aditya-L1, on the same day as the satellite was scheduled to reach its designated orbit.

Theme-based stalls on ISRO and NIMHANS, along with various postal themes, were a feast to the eye for visitors. Approximately 700 frames of philatelic exhibits were showcased during the exhibition and continued to see footfalls of various school-going children, philatelists, enthusiasts and the general public. Winners of the postcard writing workshop were also announced on Saturday.

20ft iron rod impales worker, kills him on spot

Father of baby boy, the Tripura native had joined company just six months ago

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

In a gory incident, a 21-year-old man from Agartala in Tripura was killed after an iron rod used for scaffolding fell on him from a height of over 100 ft. The rod, which was 20 feet in length, pierced through his head and came out through one of his eyes. The horror did not stop there as the victim who was standing at a height of 50 feet on the scaffolding fell to the ground. The victim, a father of an eight-month-old boy, died on the spot. The incident occurred at an under-construction site in Electronic City police limits. His uncle later filed a police complaint.

The victim, Deepankar Chasa, was staying near Ganesha Temple on Hosur Road in Electronic City. He was working at the under-construction building in KG Veerasandra in Anekal taluk for the last six months. His uncle, 37-year-old Abhimanyu Kaibra, is also working at the same place. The inci-

dent happened on Thursday between 4 pm and 5 pm.

Kaibra told TNSE that they are on the way to Agartala with Chasa's body. "It is an extremely painful death. He was standing on the iron scaffolding on the fourth floor of the B Tower of a residential complex. The iron rod fell from the 13th floor. The height from the 4th floor to the 13th floor is more than 100 feet. He then lost balance and came down with the iron rod in his head. He died as no safety measures were in place. Chasa got married two years ago and the couple has a baby boy. I was the one who asked him to come to Bengaluru for work," Kaibra lamented.

"The complaint was filed against Mohammed Attaulla, the mason, along with others. Action has been taken against the guilty. A case of death by negligence under section 304A of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against the suspects," said an officer part of investigations.



A mock drill, preparing for a chemical attack, under way at the Vidhana Soudha Metro station in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

MOCK DRILL OF CHEMICAL ATTACK HELD AT METRO STN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

In an attempt to prepare its staffers for any emergencies inside Metro station premises, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) carried out its first mock exercise on handling a chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear material attack (CBRN). The venue was the concourse area of Vidhana Soudha Metro Station. Train services ran uninterrupted, a release said.

The drill, which began at 11am, lasted an hour. A smoke bomb was burst, and its fumes spread rapidly across the station, creating a real-life situation. A few minutes before the exercise commenced, announcements were made on the

public address system that a mock drill was being done and there was no need to panic.

Specifying details, the release said, "Non-harmful coloured fumes using chemicals were generated in the station premises to create a scenario similar to that which happens when a smoke bomb is used. Metro staffers nominated as 'passengers' simulated fainting, while a few of them ran seeking assistance."

The Station Controller informed the Central Command and Security Surveillance to seek the intervention of the Disaster Management Authority, since the spread of the smoke was uncontrollable.

Public entry into the station was stopped immediately and those inside were urged to

rush out of the station. Train operators were informed not to stop trains at the station.

"The safe automatic feature of shutting down air-conditioning of the station and smoke extraction got activated. The Station Security Team rescued the affected passengers after adopting personal safety measures," it added. The State Health Services, State Fire Services, City Civil Police and National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, health services, Fire department and City Civil Police were part of the exercise. "They rushed to the station with emergency response teams for rescue and decontamination. NDRF team took control of the operation and rescued the severely affected passengers," it said.

Hand railings at Metro platforms to ward off commuters from tracks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BANGALORE Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is planning to install steel hand railings along the platforms of its stations in view of the recent incidents of passengers entering the tracks, which led to disruption in train services during peak hours.

Apart from making security checks more stringent, BMRCL is also mulling installation of platform gates for Phase-I. Tenders have been invited for platform screen doors for the underground corridor of Phase-2.

"We are planning to install steel hand railings along the platforms of busy stations to prevent people from entering the tracks. They will be placed at the edge of the platforms. At spots where the doors of trains open, there will be no railings. We will make a beginning at Nadaprabhu Kempagowda Interchange Station on PF1 from where trains head towards Ka-

dugodi (Whitefield)," AS Shankar, executive director, Operations and Maintenance, BMRCL, told TNSE.

BMRCL is also looking at having platform gates at the stations of Phase-1 in the future. "We have to get approval for it from the union and state governments and then invite tenders. This will take time," he said.

Anjum Parwez, managing director, BMRCL, said tenders have been invited for platform screen doors for the underground corridor (Reach-6) of Phase-2. This stretch of the Pink Line runs from Nagawara to Kalena Agrahara and has a 13.89-km underground corridor.

Security checks will be made more stringent. Frisking and scanning will be improved upon, a Metro official said. Meanwhile, S Saron, who suffered injuries while attempting suicide by jumping in front of an approaching train at Jalahalli Metro Station on Friday, is undergoing treatment in the ICU.

We are planning to install steel hand railings along the platforms of busy stations to prevent people from entering the tracks. They will be placed at the edge of the platforms

AS Shankar, executive director, Operations and Maintenance, BMRCL

Do not take cold and cough lightly, it is not normal now, warns IMA

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

DOCTORS and officials from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) have cautioned citizens, saying that they should not take cold and cough lightly anymore.

The IMA is also asking doctors to be sensitive towards patients and understand their concerns. This has come at a time when virologists and pulmonologists are reporting a rise in cases of people suffering from cold and cough.

Virologists highlight an increase in mutations of viruses. "The government and officials are concerned only about Covid, but in reality there are many variants in viruses where concern is increasing. There are also little options in viral drugs. Thus, increase in use of steroids and antibiotics is being seen," they cautioned.

IMA National President, Dr RV Asokan told *The New Indian Express* that there is no more common cold and cough now. Thus doctors are being sensitised on the judicious use of drugs, steroids and antibiotics. "We do not have ordinary cold anymore. Now do not follow the old method of 'stay and wait for three days and it will go'. If you have cold and cough, visit the doctor on the first day itself and undergo proper treatment," he advised.

Doctors warned that there are cases where it looks like physically a person is suffering from common cold and cough, but a thorough examination reveals that he is suffering from viral pneumonia or the lungs are severely damaged.

Dr Vivek Anand Padegal, Director, Pulmonology Diseases, Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road said that cases in OPDs of patients coming with cold and cough have been on the rise. Studies have shown that if the right treatment is given in the first 36 hours, then the chances of recovery are faster and better. Patients can however wait for 48 hours to see if it is intensifying before approaching the doctors. A TAC member, not wanting to be named, said there is an increase in all types of viruses. It is also a matter of worry as post-Covid, the cases have increased and this trend of rise in viral infections will continue till March-April.

EXPRESS READ

KRV's Narayana Gowda, others get bail

BENGALURU: Karnataka Rakshana Vedita (KRV) president TA Narayana Gowda and other pro-Kannada activists have been granted bail by the fifth additional sessions court in Devanahalli. Gowda and the others were arrested in connection with protests that involved violence and vandalism, demanding greater prominence for Kannada in the name boards of shops, hotels and businesses in the city. During the protest, the activists advocated that around 60% of the signboards be in Kannada. The arrest was made after the protest took a destructive turn, when activists removed signboards in other languages that were placed outside shops. Though bail was granted on Saturday, they are expected to be out of jail only on Monday, as bail procedures are under way.



Nambi, Ananth Nag receive Reva award

BENGALURU: Indian aerospace scientist Nambi Narayanan and veteran Kannada actor Ananth Nag were presented the Reva Lifetime Achievement Award during Reva University's Founders Day celebration on Saturday. Television anchor and actress Anushree was awarded the Reva Excellence Award. During the event, Dr P Shyama Raju, Chancellor, Reva University, said, "Degrees are not enough, one needs to build something extra within oneself to stand out and be a leader." Nambi lauded the college for maintaining green cover in the campus and said he would explore the options of collaborating with Reva students in his future endeavours.

Now, hoax bomb threat strikes NSE office

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE police on Wednesday searched the premises of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India Limited's office located in DBS House on Cunningham Road here, and the historical Gol Gumbaz museum in Vijayapura, after the two locations were reportedly targeted by hoax bomb threats.

Both the places were duly searched, before the threats were confirmed to be fake.

An unidentified accused had called NSE's Western Regional Office at Kurla in Mumbai early on Wednesday, claiming to have planted bombs at NSE's Bengaluru office. The message was accordingly conveyed to the jurisdictional Vidhana Soudha police around 1 am on Wednes-

day, who then alerted the bomb and dog squads. After a search, the threat was declared a hoax.

Meanwhile, an email received by the Gol Gumbaz museum from an unknown account, stated that a bomb had been planted inside the premises. Officials alerted the police, who took sniffer dogs and a bomb detection squad, only to find that the email was a hoax.

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'IT FIRMS NEED TO RELOOK AT THEIR HR PRACTICES'

NEARLY 18 lakh people work in the IT/ITeS sector in the state, and now, the state Labour Department is thinking of bringing these companies, a majority of them multinational, under its ambit by ending exemptions given under the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946. Conversing with the TNSE editors and reporters, state Labour Minister Santosh Lad said IT/ITeS firms need to relook at their HR practices. Excerpts...

What is the status of bringing IT/ITeS firms under the Labour Department by ending the exemption given to them?
We will speak to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and ministers concerned, including IT-BT and industries. The IT firms too need to look at the way they treat their employees -- how they block email IDs overnight and stop their employees from communicating with each other. Many stakeholders, including employees, raise these issues. But right now, we do not have a mechanism to help them. IT employees seem powerless and are worried about their job security. We are not here to hold the companies back or to show our power. They should understand that labour laws are important. Just because you are an IT company, you cannot throw your employees out overnight. This attitude needs to change. Employees need some social security. IT companies, otherwise, adhere to all other norms, including gratuity and minimum wages. Our concern is only with their firing policies.

Does it mean IT firms need to relook at their HR practices?
Yes. Job security is important. I am not trying to blame the entire IT sector, but some practices need to be looked into. We want to bring in a comprehensive law after mutual discussions.

What about the IT employees' working hours?
Sometimes, they have more work and sometimes no work. I am only interested in their social security.

What is the status of providing social security to gig workers?
We have 1.8 crore people in the unorganised sector. Everybody wants social security. I have proposed to the government to

collect Re 1 cess on every litre of petrol and diesel. I assume that through this cess, we can collect Rs 2,500-3,000 crore. With this amount, we can take care of the entire 1.8 crore people. We can give them social security, and take care of their and their family health. This is still at the proposal stage. We are going to cover some of them under health insurance in the next six months. Many other unorganised sector workers too are approaching us. In the next two years, we will be able to cover the entire unorganised sector workforce.

What is the status of the initiative to remove bogus construction worker cards?
I personally visited 16 districts. We have got Rs 13,000 crore in the Construction Board. When I was a minister in 2018, there were hardly 12 lakh cardholders, but another 39 lakh cardholders have been added in the last five years. This is because they started issuing cards without verification. A district like Haveri has 2.93 lakh cardholders. We could remove seven lakh fake or duplicate card holders, and the drive will be stepped up. We have stopped issuing new cards now. We are geo-mapping every building and projects like roads, bridges, and other works and this should increase the board collection 2.5 fold.

The scholarship for children of construction workers was reduced drastically, citing no funds
In 2020 and 2021, the government doubled the scholarship amount without any justification. Then, there were only three lakh claimants. But this year, claims came from 13 lakh children. If we give the same amount this year, the entire corpus will empty out in just two years. People started misusing the labour card and getting benefits for education and marriage. We decided we would give a little more than the payouts from the social welfare department. Through this, we are providing benefits to a larger number of people.

People are wondering whether health checkups you organise could lead to more scams...
The charges are the same as in government hospitals, but the checkups are being done at private hospitals. Our target is to reach 10 lakh people. Once the preventive healthcare checkup is done, we will have all the data. These checkups are important as poor families cannot afford them. If the government



can do it, I believe it is a good thing. This was the plan initiated by the central government and states are following it. We will spend Rs 250-300 crore by the time 10 lakh people are covered.

Why is there a skewed ratio of local labourers in the state?
In the North, there is not much infrastructure work and people migrate from there. These workers dominate the service industry in Kerala to Tamil Nadu. They work for low salaries too. But there is hardly any exodus from Ballari anymore, as MNREGA provides work and mines have reopened in those parts, employing local people. In remote parts, workers get around Rs 320 per day under MNREGA. Why would they come all the way to a city and work for Rs 500?

How is the preparation for the Lok Sabha polls?
I feel, for the last 10 years, the BJP government has been working only on propaganda, creating a perception rather than performing. Propaganda can cover the biggest of failures. I am hopeful with the INDIA alliance. BJP holds only North Indian states as of now. Muslims, Dalits and OBCs will lean considerably towards Congress. Ideologically, BJP will play the Lord Rama card, I hope Rama will bless us more than them. Our five guarantees have reached the grassroots level. These are the programmes that we are banking on.

Do you think AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge will be a better PM than Rahul Gandhi?
It's a hypothetical question. I don't think I will be able to answer this. It's all about the party's decision. It is too early for me to say anything on this.

You are also Dharwad district in-charge minister and the issue of arresting the Kar Sevaks after so many years started from Hubballi. Do you think the timing was a mistake?
I think the BJP gets lucky with

controversies. There are so many acquittals in the state. It's all about public relations. It is not about running the government anymore. This country is run by PROs now.

But the issue was started by Congress with the arrest of Pujari. Shouldn't the government have waited for some more time?
Eight other people were acquitted (in the Hubballi case) and BJP is not talking about it. The arrest of one (Srikant Pujari) was part of a procedure as he was denied bail by the court. Those acquitted in the same case were Hindus and then, they (BJP) should give credit to the Congress government. What does R Ashoka (Leader of the Opposition) have to say about those acquittals?

Do you think as a politician it is difficult to focus on development because of other distractions?
Today, there is no talk of policy-making. Elections are fought on propaganda and there is no pragmatic approach, like getting the audit sheet and seeking votes on performance. Perhaps, I too have to educate my wife. How can I change her when a heavy dosage of visual media has been feeding the propaganda. I am not against BJP or Narendra Modi, who is also my Prime Minister. But winning elections is a different thing, and it does not mean everything is right. It is high time that we fight elections based on real issues. I feel things have to change. There should be a platform for all parties to tell people why they should be chosen. Why is there a platform only for two parties? Let it be 50 national parties. Today, if we have power everything can be managed. We have to accept it.

But it is alleged that you pick Tipu Sultan to appease a particular community...
What's wrong with it? If I have a good opinion about Tipu Sultan, am I not a Hindu? Why are you (BJP) appeasing Ram? Emperor Ashoka was a big warrior and a great king. Why only Ram and why not Sita, who is not talked about much. Let's

have a debate over it. Why is there no debate on scientific and economic issues including, like the country's GDP? Compare India's GDP with China's. In 2014, China was a \$10 trillion economy. Now it has surpassed \$20 trillion. We were a \$2.5 trillion economy in 2014 and now we are hardly a \$3.5 trillion economy. Is this your (BJP government's) great achievement?

But we are the world's fastest-growing economy. We have made much progress in science and even landed on the Moon.....
That's why I am saying why should not these things be debated. But India's rupee value against USD went down, while even Afghanistan's and Bangladesh's currencies fared well. Even assuming that we are the fastest-growing economy, we're nowhere near China. India's external debt rose. The debates should happen on these issues. Instead, it is happening only on controversial issues. We need to talk about issues such as demonetisation. Where are Rs 2,000 currency notes? Before demonetisation, Rs 17 lakh crore worth of currency banknotes were in circulation and today it has increased to 33 lakh crore, as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman has said.

Isn't Congress also responsible for raking up controversial issues instead of talking about development since the time of Indira Gandhi?
BJP came to power talking ill about Congress. Assess their achievements in the last ten years in terms of economy to the GDP of the previous Congress government. Also, compare the growth rate with that of the neighbouring countries.

Any ministers likely to contest the Lok Sabha elections?
I am not contesting the LS polls as I am not interested in national politics. I recommended a few names for the Bidar LS seat and they are confidential.

How many seats Congress expects to win in Karnataka?
Though things have not set on the ground yet, we should win 17 seats at any given point of time. This is my assessment.

Irrespective of the LS polls results will the Congress government continue in power and Siddaramaiah as CM?
We have got the mandate with 135 MLAs. BJP and JD put together have 85. To make it equal, 53 MLAs from Congress have to resign or two-thirds of MLAs should switch sides technically. Some who have faith in astrology kept speculating about the fall of the government. Definitely, Siddaramaiah will continue as CM for five years and the party high command will take a call on the issue. I don't have any opinion about the creation of more DCM posts in the government.

BJP in overdrive to brand Siddaramaiah 'anti-Hindu'



POLITICAL RADAR
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TIMING is everything. Until last week, not many people even in his hometown Hubballi knew who Srikant Pujari was. Hindu activist's arrest in a three-decade-old case related to violence after the demolition of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in December 1992 has now created a storm in Karnataka politics, much to the chagrin of the Congress and its government.

By arresting a Hindu activist ahead of the opening of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the authorities have handed over a stick to the opposition to beat the government with. The police officials dealing with the old cases had certainly not anticipated the kind of backlash and how their action could trigger statewide protests by the opposition, putting the government in a tight spot. It looked as though the card was thrown in favour of the BJP by Congress.

The BJP state leadership is going the whole hog on the issue to re-emerge its cadre and unite its leaders. It has also come in handy for the leaders to divert attention from internal differences that were causing embarrassment to the leadership ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. More importantly, the BJP state leaders seem to be trying to reassure their support to the party workers, who are accusing the government of targeting them by reopening old cases or foisting false cases. The charge which the government has vehemently denied.

The movement associated with the Ram temple is an emotive issue. The BJP leaders are making all-out efforts to use Pujari's arrest ahead of the temple inauguration to brand the Siddaramaiah government "Anti-Hindu." They see a pattern in the CM's statements related to increasing funding for the welfare of the minority community, his directions to the officials to prepare an action plan to develop minority community residential colonies and his remarks on lifting the hijab ban in educational institutions, which he later amended.

Siddaramaiah never let go of any opportunity to prove himself as a champion of the backward classes and minorities, while the opposition BJP leaders show the same readiness in targeting the CM and his government as anti-Hindu.

The Congress party and Siddaramaiah are wary of being branded as anti-Hin-

du. The BJP too will be cautious in its approach. The recent assembly poll results in the state showed that emotive issues alone will not work well with neutral voters in Karnataka.

In the last few days, many senior BJP leaders, including the party MPs and Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly R Ashoka, were detained by police for staging protests at police stations with a placard; "I am also a Ram Mandir Kar Sevaks, arrest me."

Senior Congress leader BK Hariprasad's controversial remarks on the possibility of a "Godhra-like" incident in the state ahead of the consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya on January 22, added to Congress's discomfiture. Hariprasad is a senior leader with vast experience in serving the party at the national level. However, his party government appeared to have neither taken his remarks seriously nor the BJP's demand to act against him.

The BJP may try to sustain the same tempo till the temple inauguration and even beyond, till the Lok Sabha polls. That may be a difficult task for the state leaders, but for now, they have managed to push the government on the backfoot.

At a time when the state government is launching its fifth guarantee scheme "Yuva Nidhi" to provide financial assistance of Rs 3,000/month to unemployed graduates and Rs 1,500/month to diploma holders, the political narrative is hovering around the government's action against Hindu activists.

On January 12, the government is organising a massive programme in Shivamogga to launch the scheme. The State Government would certainly like to keep the focus and the narrative around the guarantees. But, given its leaders' tendency to commit faux pas, it is not such an easy task for the ruling party.

The Congress is also faced with the growing demand to create more Deputy Chief Minister (DyCMs) posts to give importance to backward classes and minorities. Ministers in the Siddaramaiah cabinet are holding dinner meetings to discuss the issue and are openly expressing their views on the need to create more DyCM posts.

It is seen as an attempt within the Congress to checkmate DyCM and State Congress president DK Shivakumar's growing influence within the party and the government. The Congress Central leadership will be concerned about the demand for more DyCMs gaining traction ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. After all, in politics, it is all about timing.

Poojari walks out of jail, says arrest a 'conspiracy'

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA
@Hubballi



MLA Mahesh Tenginkai offers sweets to Srikant Poojari outside the Hubballi jail on Saturday | DHEMANTH

HINDU activist Srikant Poojari, who was arrested by the Hubballi police last week and got bail on Friday, walked out of jail on Saturday evening. Coming out of the jail, Poojari said he was arrested for being a Bajrang Dal activist and it was a conspiracy by the police.

The Town Station police had arrested Poojari, a kar sevak, on December 29 in connection with the violence following the demolition of Babri Masjid in 1992.

As the arrest was made in the run-up to the consecration of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, the police's move evoked a sharp reaction from Hindu outfits. They openly targeted the Congress government in the state, claiming that it was needlessly targeting Hindu activists.

Hindu activists and BJP workers protested demanding the immediate release of Pujari and action against the police inspector who arrested him. But the state government didn't cow down and stood solidly behind the Hubballi po-

lice. On the contrary, Congress leaders accused the BJP of politicising the issue.

The first additional district session court asked Poojari not to tamper with evidences and appear before court for regular hearing of the case. He has also been asked not to travel outside the court's jurisdiction without its prior permission. After two persons fulfilled the surety bond, Pujari was released from the Hubballi sub-jail on Saturday. "The police took me by saying they had some work and arrested me later in some case. I don't know for which case I was arrested," Pujari said.

Ministers not keen to fight LS polls

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

WITH the Lok Sabha elections round the corner, the Congress leadership is exploring all possibilities to win as many seats as possible in the state. Riding on its comprehensive win in the recent assembly elections, the Grand Old Party is contemplating fielding some of its popular leaders, particularly ministers, in various constituencies.

It is said that several ministers, including Satish Jarkiholi, HC Mahadevappa, B Nagendra and Dinesh Gundu Rao, are under pressure from the party leadership to contest the Lok Sabha polls.

However, none of the ministers are interested in throwing their hat in the ring by giving up their plum cabinet berths. Some ministers, including PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, have already announced that they will not contest the 2024 elections even as their names are likely to be shortlisted as probable candidates.

Even before the party could shortlist probable candidates, several ministers, headed by Jarkiholi, met at his residence in Bengaluru two days ago and demanded that the high com-



Satish Jarkiholi Dinesh Gundu Rao

mand appoint more deputy chief ministers, a move that is said to be a counter strategy by ministers to send a message to the party leadership that they are not interested in contesting the upcoming polls.

Sources said the group of ministers in the meeting, which also included Mahadevappa, Nagendra, Gundu Rao and others, is exerting pressure on the party leadership to give priority to backward classes and minorities by naming MLAs from these communities as DCMs so that the party could bolster its position ahead of the polls.

"It is possible not only to get a major chunk of votes from different dominant communities by having DCMs from there, but the party could also win more than 18 seats without

much effort," said a top Congress leader.

A section of party leadership too is of the view that fielding more ministers will help the party win more seats. Most cabinet ministers are popular and experienced leaders with an ability to defeat BJP candidates in their respective constituencies, sources said.

A large number of rising Congress leaders have been lobbying for party tickets and some of them have been already endorsed by respective cabinet ministers. Sources said the party is screening their credentials before taking a final call.

As by fielding ministers, the Congress will have bright chances of winning some of the tougher seats in the state, particularly in North Karnataka and Mysore Karnataka regions, it is unlikely to go for new faces.

On the other hand, ministers with a potential to win the 2024 elections in their respective constituencies are unwilling to sacrifice their career in state politics.

Their latest demand to name more DCMs may jeopardise the party's plans to field them in the upcoming polls.

Gowda convinces sour Somanna not to quit BJP

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

AS the stakes are high for the BJP-JDS alliance in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, especially for the latter in the Old Mysuru region, JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda took upon himself to convince former minister V Somanna not to quit the saffron party.

Gowda invited Somanna to his Padmanabhanagara residence on Friday and held talks, promising to resolve the latter's issues by talking to the BJP high command. Gowda's sons -- former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy and former minister H D Revanna -- were also present during the talks.

"He (Gowda) explained the political situation of the state and the country and instructed me not to take any decision (to quit the party) as Narendra Modi should become the PM again. He suggested that I forget whatever happened to me as my own people let me down and promised to speak to the BJP high command," Somanna said on Saturday.

Somanna also took a dig at state BJP chief B Y Vijayendra Vijayendra for showing up in Chamarajnagar with those leaders who were responsible for his defeat in the assembly polls. "If he (Vijayendra) wants me to forget the past and move on he should keep those responsible for my defeat away from him. If he continues with them to pin me down behind the scenes, I am going to revolt," he warned.

Ethnic conflict hits export of Manipur's black rice, turmeric, king chilli

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FARMERS from Manipur who took part in the Millets and Organic expo at Bengaluru claim that the famed black rice, organic turmeric, king chilli and pineapple export from the hill state has taken a beating following the volatile situation due to the Kuki-Meitei clashes. The state has undergone a loss

of Rs 40 crore in exports from these products alone.

According to Manipur Organic Mission Agency, the horticulture department of Manipur, nearly 5 lakh farmers involved in the cultivation of these products suffered a loss and many production units engaged in processing pineapple for making value-added products did not receive raw materials due to supply chain cut.

A farmer claimed that the state used to export about 30 tonnes of black rice to European nations, but due to the conflict, exports have been hit by at least 60 per cent. Similarly, pineapple supply to Gulf nations was also hit.

"The rice got a GI tag in May 2020, and in August 2021, one tonne of Manipur black rice was exported to Europe. The state also exports pineapple and

organic ginger and all these have taken a severe beating due to the tension," said a farmer.

Agreeing that the situation is precarious, K Devdutta Sharma, project director of Manipur Organic Mission Agency, said Manipur's capital Imphal used to export 30 tonnes of black rice, 2,000 tonnes of dry turmeric, and 10 tonnes of king chilli. Due to conflict, exports took a hit and we accounted for a loss of about

Rs 40 crore in 2023, he added.

"Apart from these products, Manipur produces 20,000 tonnes of pineapple, 600 tonnes of GI oranges, 300 tonnes of GI Kachai Lemon, and supply to places like Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi was impacted due to the ongoing conflict. Between May and July 2023, the horticulture department estimated a loss of Rs 102 crore," said the official.

MILLET MELA SAW 60K VISITORS ON DAY 1

Bengaluru: A day after inaugurating the Millet and Organics International Trade Fair, Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said 60,000 people visited the expo on the first day. The fair attracted marketers from Australia, Europe, Kenya, Kuwait and UAE, saw 61 business-to-business meetings and signing of six contracts worth Rs 5.10 crore. As many as 40 foreign and 50 state marketers participated in the meetings. In the B2B meetings, 97 marketers and 154 manufacturers participated. In all, 310 stalls were set up at the fair.

Mitigation probe on 8 death row convicts

Kerala HC has entrusted the investigation to a legal research centre focused on human rights

P RAMDAS @ Kochi

OFFERING a glimmer of hope to eight convicts on death row, currently confined to the dark rooms of central prisons in the state, the Kerala High Court has ordered a mitigation investigation before determining their ultimate fate -- whether they will be hanged or not. The eight include two former police officers convicted in a custodial murder case and an ex-CPM leader.

Previously, the court had ordered a similar investigation in the cases of Nino Mathew and Muhammed Ameerul Islam, who were convicted in the 2014 Attigal twin murder case and the Perumbavoor Jisha murder case, respectively. However, the state government opposed the move to extend the benefit of earlier orders to the eight convicts.

The court has entrusted the mitigation investigation to Project 39A, a New Delhi-based legal research centre focused on human rights.

The court issued the order on the petitions filed by Rejith, Anil Kumar alias Jacky, Ajith Kumar, Gireesh Kumar, former police officers K Jithakumar and SV Sreekumar, former CPM leader R Byju, and Narendra Kumar -- all of who are awarded the death penalty in various cases.

Rejith was convicted for the murder of a four-and-a-half-year-old girl at Chottanikkara

in 2013, while Anil Kumar and Ajith Kumar were sentenced to death in the case relating to the murder of notorious criminal Santhosh Kumar alias Jet Santhosh in Thiruvananthapuram in 2004. Jithakumar and Sreekumar were awarded capital punishment for the murder of Udayakumar in police custody at the Fort police station, Thiruvananthapuram. Gireesh Kumar was found guilty in the Alice Varghese murder case in Kundara in 2013. Byju was sentenced to death in connection with the murder of a Congress ward president in Alappuzha, while Narendra Kumar, a native of Firozabad in Uttar Pradesh, was convicted for murdering Lalason and his wife and son at Parambuzha, Kottayam, in 2015. When the petitions came up, the government opposed the move saying that conducting a mitigation study before hearing the Death Sentence References (DSRs) and the appeals challenging conviction and sentence on merits is beyond the scope and ambit of section 366 of CrPC and, thus, impermissible.

The state also expressed its deep concern in entrusting the mitigation investigation with an outside agency like Project 39A. The government believes the agency is propagating the idea of abolishing death penalty and that an government institution would be more appropriate.



LUCKY MASCOT

'Khelo India Youth Games 2024' unveils the first female mascot design depicting the fighting spirit of 'Rani Velu Nachiyar', at Marina on Saturday. The games are scheduled to be held from January 19 to 31, in Chennai | P JAWAHAR

'NIA court not voice of prosecution'

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

REJECTING the Special Public Prosecutor's (SPP) suggestion that bail can be granted on the ground of parity to the accused in the 2022 Hubballi riot case, the Special Court for NIA cases refused to grant bail to 107 accused.

The counsel for the accused argued that this is a state case and the SPP has stated no objection to bail application. Nobody is going to challenge the order passed by this court and the accused are entitled to bail, he pleaded. Citing the statutory restriction on the special court to grant bail to the accused under Section 43D(5) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act when the accusations made are prima facie

true, Special Court Judge Ganadhara CM said the court is not the mouthpiece of the prosecution and has to consider the application as per law.

Rejecting the bail petition filed by Mukthum, Sikandar, Dadapeer, Shanavaz, Sahil and 102 others who are in judicial custody, the court said that for instance, if a public prosecutor,

CASE HISTORY

After an accused displayed a photo depicting the hoisting of a saffron flag on a Masjid's dome as his WhatsApp status, the accused on April 16, 2022 gathered in front of Old Hubballi Police Station and assaulted the police and threw chappals at them. They also destroyed the vehicles of police, private individuals and also government properties.

who hand in glove with an accused, files an application stating that there is no merit in the case and the accused may be discharged or acquitted from the charges, whether the court can discharge or acquit such accused based on that application. The answer is 'No'. Because it has to find out whether a case is made out to frame charges against the accused or there is no material to convict the accused, it noted.

It rejected the bail application of some of the accused in Dec 2022, and they questioned it before the HC which came to be dismissed as withdrawn. Meanwhile, the Apex Court granted bail to 35 accused. Standing on the same footing, the petitioners moved the court, claiming that they are also entitled to bail.

POLL TALK

LS polls fight between secular, communal forces: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said the 2024 Lok Sabha polls will be a direct fight between secular and communal forces, and voters of Karnataka, who have a tradition of secularism and harmony, will make the right choice.

"I have always said that the Janata Dal (Secular) is the 'B team' of the BJP. I commend JDS for clarifying their ideological stance and for validating my statement. The JDS' move (of aligning with BJP) has stopped some secular voters from being misled by the secular facade of the party. It has turned the upcoming election into a direct fight between secular and communal forces," he said. He was responding to former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's remarks that Congress will see its end under the leadership of Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar.

Siddaramaiah said despite Gowda's curse, they wish him, and his party, a long life and good health. "Regardless of political differences, elders should always bless youngsters. I believe that Gowda, who had worn the crown of secularism for decades, is now forced to cast it aside for communalism. This is leading him to make such statements out of disappointment and despair," he added.



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A Revanth Reddy, Telangana CM

Revanth: Mega Master Policy for industrial growth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

TELANGANA Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said that the State Government will unveil a 'Mega Master policy' aiming to achieve industrial growth in all of Telangana State, by 2050. He held a meeting with the representatives of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at the Secretariat on Saturday.

The Chief Minister said that the formula adopted for industrial development in Telangana region from 1994 to 2004 was different and the industrial policy embraced between 2004 and 2014 is at another level. The government will strive to reach industrial growth at the highest level in the coming days.

Chief Minister Revanth said the government will pursue a new friendly policy to invite investments for the establishment of the industries. He also clarified there is no place for misconceptions and apprehensions with regard to industrial development.

Every Rupee invested by industrialists in Telangana will be safeguarded and will enhance the value of the investment, he assured. He also made it clear that the Congress government will adopt a new policy and dispel doubts that the Congress government focused only on the welfare of rural people and village development. The CM hoped that industrial development should not be confined to Hyderabad alone. All regions of Telangana shall grow like Hyderabad. CM Revanth Reddy said the government's main objective is to expand industrial development to rural Telangana.

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EXPRESS READ

Truckers threaten to go on strike from January 17 over new penal provision

Bengaluru: Truck owners and drivers led by the Federation of Karnataka Lorry Owners' Association (FOLKOA) have threatened to go on an indefinite strike from January 17, demanding that the new penal provision under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita for hit-and-run cases be withdrawn. C Naveen Reddy, president of FOLKOA, on Saturday said, "The driver's licence is confiscated when an accident occurs in other states. Local security is asked to provide bail in connection with the incident. This will cause problems for truck drivers. Therefore, we demand that these elements in the proposed Act be removed immediately." Members of the association slammed the Union government and said a unilateral decision had been taken without consulting truck owners or anyone in the industry.

BJP plans 2 public meetings for Modi in February in T'gana

Hyderabad: With the Lok Sabha elections looming on the horizon, the BJP is fine-tuning its campaign strategy in the state. Sources said that the saffron party plans two massive public meetings in February to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The party plans to hold these public meetings in North and South Telangana so that it can bring its message to the maximum number of voters possible. The party hopes that these high-profile public meetings will galvanise the cadre and rally BJP supporters across the state. The BJP, is eyeing at least 10 LS seats in the coming elections, a target set by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The goal is to propel the BJP as the main Opposition party in Telangana.

Guest lecturers get hike of ₹8K in honorarium

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

GUEST lecturers called off their one-and-half month long strike on Saturday after Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah agreed to increase their honorarium by Rs 8,000, besides extending other facilities, including paid maternity leave for three months.

Siddaramaiah, who held talks with their representatives, requested them to report for duty, following which they are likely to return to classes from Monday. He clarified that most of their demands could be fulfilled on humanitarian grounds, except for regularisation of services due to legal complications.

Lecturers with less than five years of work experience will get a hike of Rs 5,000, those with 5-10 years of experience will get Rs 6,000. It will be a hike of Rs 7,000 for those with 10-15 years of service and Rs

8,000 for more than 15 years of service, he said. Besides, they will get health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh per annum, and gratuity of Rs 5 lakh after 60 years of age. The CM also agreed to grant one day paid leave per month, and three months paid maternity leave to guest lecturers whose workload is more than 15 hours per week.

He also agreed to simplify the counselling process, based on their experience in recruitment, giving weightage, continuing service at the same place where guest lecturers were working, and continuing their service there for the next year as well.

In fact, Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar held talks with representatives of guest lecturers last Friday, and announced some of the benefits, including a salary hike of Rs 5,000. Yet, they launched the paydayrta from Siddaganga Mutt on January 1 and held a rally at Freedom Park on January 4.

Hosp mix-up gets murkier: Man dies twice in a week

ASISH MEHTA @ Bhubaneswar

THE tragic consequences of the identity mix up of the victims following the December 29 blast at Hi-Tech medical college and hospital does not seem to end even as it claimed a third life on Friday night.

After it was discovered that of the four burn victims, the one who succumbed to the injuries on December 31st was in fact Jyoti Ranjan Mallick, and

not his co-worker Dilip Samantray, who was initially declared dead, the latter also passed away within hours after being taken off ventilator and revealing his true identity. Dilip was reportedly upset over the identity mix-up with Jyoti, and the two families continued to confront each other throughout Friday, said sources. Dilip reportedly suffered a cardiac arrest on

Friday night and succumbed. Meanwhile, struggling to recover from the serious goof-up, police have decided to conduct a DNA test before handing over the body to his family members. "Dilip's body will be preserved at AIIMS for a DNA test. Due to legal complications, his body will be handed over to his family only after receiving the DNA test report," said a senior police officer.

However, the man's family have been left completely shattered by his demise for the second time in a week. His mother Ahalya, who had rushed to the hospital after receiving the news of her son being alive, received the news of his demise again. She lodged a complaint at Mancheswar police station alleging police and Hi-Tech authorities tried to suppress the incident and are responsible for her son's death.

Ambati quits days after joining YSRC

ENS @ Vijayawada

IN a shocking development, cricketer Ambati Rayudu, who recently joined the YSRC party in the presence of CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, resigned from the party on Saturday.

On X he posted a message announcing his decision and said he would keep away from politics for some time. "This is to inform everyone that I have decided to quit the YSRCP Party and stay out of politics for a little while. Further action will be conveyed in due course of time." The post read. The former cricketer, who in the past expressed his high opinion of CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, joined the YSRC party in his presence on December 28, 2023. At that time Rajampet MP PV Mithun Reddy and deputy Chief Minister K Narayana Swamy were present. However, 10 days later, he quit the party.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. PR. Mary Jayashri W/o late Anthony Swamy @ C. Patrick and Dr. Reeba Patrick D/o PR. Mary Jayashri and late Anthony Swamy @ C. Patrick, are the owners of the properties set out in the schedule hereunder.

The first of my client executed the following documents in favour of Shri. Somashekhar A S/o late Anaiyappa, No.3, Shampur Main Road, Near AMC College, Bengaluru - 560 045, in respect of the schedule property.

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated 09-04-2018.
- General Power of Attorney (GPA) dated 09-04-2018.
- Sale Agreement dated 09-04-2018 (Registered).

Under the legal notice dated 04-01-2024, the above said documents / transactions are cancelled by my clients.

The second of my client executed a GPA dated 23-05-2018, in favour of above said Shri. Somashekhar A, in respect of the schedule property, and the same is cancelled by the legal notice dated 05-01-2024. The Members of the public are cautioned not to transact with the above said Somashekhar A. S/o late Anaiyappa in respect of the schedule property. My clients will not be bound by any transactions done by the above said Somashekhar A. S/o late Anaiyappa in respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No.101/IP2, measuring 28 guntas and land bearing Sy. No.92/1, measuring 22 guntas (out of 1 acre 26 guntas) of Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property;
North by : Land of Arogyappa;

West by : Private Property;
South by : Land of James;

Shri. ASHOK B. NATIL, Advocate,
No.26 (6/1), North Park Road, American Colony,
Place: Bengaluru
High Grounds, Bengaluru-560001. (M) 9900114250



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Notice No. 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the 'SARFESI Act') or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1.M/s. Chesa Dental Care Services Limited, No. 51-52, EPDP Zone, KIADB Industrial Area, Bengaluru Field, Bengaluru-560096. Also, No. 203, Food Grain Bhavan, Plot No.58, Sector 19C,Navimumbai Thane, Maharashtra-400 703. Also at: Unit no.507, 5th Floor, Keshava Commercial, Premises Co Op Society Ltd, Bandra East, Mumbai-400051. Also at: Silver Software 2nd Floor, Road Number 7 KIADB Export Promotion Industrial Area Bengaluru-560066.
2. Dr. Vijay C Lilaramani, Villa #16, Adharsh Palm Retreat, Outer Ring Road, 1st Phase, Devare Beesanahalli, Bellandur, Bangalore Karnataka - 560103. 3. Dr. Anju V Lilaramani, Villa #16, Adharsh Palm Retreat, Outer Ring Road, 1st Phase, Devare Beesanahalli, Bellandur, Bangalore Karnataka-560103. 4. Mrs. Kavita Chetan Lilaramani, Villa #16, Adharsh Palm Retreat, Outer Ring Road, 1st Phase, Devare Beesanahalli, Bellandur, Bangalore Karnataka-560103. The 1st among you as borrower and 2 to 4 among you as guarantor have availed **CCOL facility of Rs. 15,00,00,000.00/-** and TL (Machinery) facility of **Rs. 10,00,00,000.00/-**. Further, Addressee No.1 among you as borrower has availed **ECLGS facility of Rs.4,73,00,000.00/-** from THE SOUTH INDIAN Bank Ltd. The said amount was classified as 'Non-Performing Assets' (NPA) in our accounts on **16-10-2023** and further, the bank has filed Original Application (COA 1827/2023) before Hon'ble Debt's Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore on 06-11-2023 claiming the amounts due to the bank. Further, the bank had issued notice under S. 13 (2) of the Act on **14-12-2023** (REF No: RO-BLR/0715/SAR/SH/6363/1479/23-24) dated **14-12-2023** demanding payment of **Rs. 15,32,36,399.51/-** (Rupees Fifteen Crore Eighty Two Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Nine and Paise Fifty only) in respect of CCOL and Rs. **6,79,828.00** (Rupees Five Crore Sixty One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Eight only) in respect of TL Machinery from Party No.1 among you as borrower and 2 to 4 among you as guarantors. Further, an amount of **Rs. 3,20,64,878.99** (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight and Paise Ninety Nine only) in respect of ECLGS from Party No.1 among you as borrower and outstanding in the above mentioned facilities in the A/c: **M/s. Chesa Dental Care Services Limited** from Bengaluru Corporate as on 13-12-2023 plus further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. However, party No.1 have availed service of the said notice, this public notice is issued pursuant to Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Hence, you are hereby called upon by this notice to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days of this notice, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the secured assets scheduled below by exercising all or any of the rights given under Section 13 (4) of the Act. You may further note that as per Section 13 (13) of the ACT, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above securities or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the above secured assets, without our prior written consent. The parties also informed about the right of Redemption available under S 13(8) of the SARFESI Act. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to The South Indian Bank Ltd. against the borrowers and the guarantors / co-obligant as per law.

SCHEDULE "A"

(Movable properties secured to the account/s)
(Pari Passu 1st Charge with Kotah Mahindra Bank Ltd)
Hypothecation of entire current assets (present and future) of M/s. Chesa Dental Care Services Limited, all the tangible movable properties such as Stock – In – Trade, Stock of Raw Materials, Stock in Process, Finished Goods, Packing Materials, and goods of the borrower, all the present and future actionable claims and other movable property that may arise or come into existence in the future, including book debts, outstanding moneys receivable, other claims which now or hereafter from time to time during the security shall be brought in stored or be in or about their premises or godown (s) or be in course of transit from one godown to another or from one place to another or wherever else the same may be.

(Movable properties secured to the TL Machinery facility)

Description of Movable Properties			
Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION	Qty	
1	RAYSCAN ALPHA 3D (SN:ra31995530)	1	
2	RAYSCAN ALPHA 3D (SN:RA31995531)	1	
3	RAYSCAN ALPHA 3D (SN:RA31995532)	1	
4	RAYSCAN ALPHA PLUS 160 (SN-RA715C5568)	1	
5	RAYSCAN ALPHA PLUS 130 (SN-RA719B5475)	1	
6	[RPS500]RIOSCAN SN:RS519C0564, RS519C0565, RS519C0566, RS519C0567, RS519C0568, RS519C0569, RS519C0570, RS519C0571, RS519C0572, RS519C0573)	10	
7	[RISS00] RIOSENSOR	160	
8	[RISS00] RIOSENSOR	155	
9	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19B5321)	1	
10	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19B5322)	1	
11	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19B5323)	1	
12	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19B5324)	1	
13	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19B5325)	1	
14	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19B5326)	1	
15	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19B5327)	1	
16	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5329)	1	
17	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5335)	1	
18	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5336)	1	
19	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5337)	1	
20	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5338)	1	
21	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5339)	1	
22	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5340)	1	
23	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5341)	1	
24	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5342)	1	
25	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5343)	1	
26	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5344)	1	
27	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5345)	1	
28	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5346)	1	
29	RAYSCAN ALPHA-P (SN:RAP19C5347)	1	
30	INTRAOAAL SCANNER(IOS-11)	3	
31	INTRAOAAL SCANNER (IOS-11)	3	
32	RUNYES 3DS INTRAOAAL SCANNER	3	
33	NR-F300	30	
34	NR-F300	30	
35	NR-F300	30	
36	NR-F300	30	
37	NR-F300	30	

And all other Machineries & Accessories purchased with the limits availed from the bank.

SCHEDULE-B (Immovable properties secured to the account)

Description of Immovable Properties : 1. All that piece and parcel of industrial land along with building having an extent of 3 Acres or 12150 Sq. Mtrs bearing No. 180-D2 & 180-E (laid out in parts of Sy. No. 39) along with all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Sy. No. 39 (Part) of Nagenahalli Village, Kora Hobli, Tumkuru Taluk) situated at Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Kora, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur District and owned by M/s. Chesa Dental Care Services Limited, more fully described in Allotment letter of KIADB dated 08-10-2010, Lease cum Sale Agreement 5841/2012-13 dated 30-05-2012 & Registered Supplementary Agreement No. 8091/2012-13 dated 18-07-2012 of SRO, Tumkur and bounded on, North : By Plot Nos. 180-D1 East: By 18 Meters Wide Road No.20 South: By Plot Nos. 181–A & 182-A West: By Plot No. 180-B Security Interest created by: M/s. Chesa Dental Care Services Limited. 2. All that piece and parcel of industrial land along with building having an extent of 2 Acres or 8094 Sq. Mtrs bearing No. 282 & 283 (laidout in parts of Sy. No. 4, 5 & 6) along with all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in. parts of Sy. No. 4, 5 & 6 of Yandrakayipur Village, Narasapura Hobli, Kolar Taluk) situated at Narasapura Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Kolar District, and owned by M/s. Chesa Dental Care Services Limited., more fully described in Allotment letter of KIADB dated 08-05-2013 & Lease cum Sale Agreement. 2245/2013-14 dated 15-06-2013 & of SRO, Kolar and bounded on, North By Road No. 12 East: By Plot No. 281 South: By Private Land West: By Plot No. 284 Security Interest created by: M/s. Chesa Dental Care Services Limited.

Date : 05.01.2024

Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Chief Manager

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ROHANATH SALUNKY** (Old Name), S/o, Mr. BOLOOR SHARASCHANDRA SANIL & Mrs. BINDU ARASOJI RAO, aged 24 years, Residing at NO.13, KP RESIDENCY, 2ND FLOOR, SUBRAMANYA TEMPLE, ST. KUMARAPARK WEST, BENGALURU- 560020, KARNATAKA, INDIA, declare that I have changed my name from **ROHANATH SALUNKY** (Old Name) to **ROHANATH SANIL** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **ROHANATH SANIL** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 06/01/2024 before Notary **GANGARAJU B.N.** at BENGALURU.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is intends to purchase the below mentioned property belonging to Smt. M.C. Manjula, aged about 65 Years, D/o. Late B. Chandrashekhra W/o. Sri. Gopaliah, R/at No.251, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, West of Chord Road, Basaveswaranagar, Bengaluru -560 079, having title to the Property concerned as per the documents verified.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title or claim in the schedule property, in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within Ten (10) days from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property. The claim and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule properties as if there are no claimants/objections to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Residential Property bearing the address No.251, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, West of Chord Road, Basaveswaranagar, Bengaluru -560 079, measuring East to West : 50 Feet, North to South : 30 Feet, with a built House of about 800 Sq.Ft. on the Ground Floor and a stair case room of about 120 Sq.ft. on the First Floor and bounded on:-

East by : Road,
West by : Property bearing No.254,
North by : Property No.252,
South by : Property No.250.

N. Rajkumar, Advocate,
No.168, 3rd Floor, Kilaru Road, 1st Cross,
Bengaluru-560 053.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our clients intend to purchase the immovable property which is morefully described in the Schedule below (**"Schedule Property"**) from Mr.Divyansh G.G ("Owner"). The Owner has represented that he is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property, having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Public is notified that any person having any claim or interest or any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, interest, claim, benefit, demand or interest in or in relation to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, assignment mortgage, inheritance, bequest, succession, gift, lien, charge, maintenance, bequest, easement, trust, possession, family arrangement, settlement, decree or order of any court of law, contracts/ agreements, development right, partnership or arrangements of whatsoever nature, may lodge his/her objections and/or claims in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this notice. If such claim is received, it will be deemed that no person, except the Owner, have any right over the Schedule Property and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.144/D, situated at 'A' Block of the AEC'S Layout, formed by the Aircraft Employees Co-Operative Society Ltd, Bangalore, carved out of the Survey Nos.71/7/2, 73/74/75/76, 8P 9/1, 29/1, 29/2, 30/1, 30/2, 37, 38/1, 38/2, 38/3, 39/1, 39/5, 40, 41/1, 42/1, 42/2, 43, 44/1P 45 and 46 of Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and other Survey Nos, the said site measuring: East to West (52+44)/2 Feet; North to South (30+44)/2 Feet. Total Site area measuring 1776 Sq.Feet and bounded on:

East by : Road;
West by : Additional Land;
North by : Site No.144/C;
South by : Site No.144/E.

Sd/- **UMASHREE N. Advocate**
No.3/1, 1st A Cross, Park Road,
Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 038.
Ph: 96563078174 Date: 06/01/2024

POSTPONE TENDER NOTIFICATION

DATE :- 02.01.2024

(Through e-Procurement portal only)

(Two Cover System: Section-I-Technical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)

Tender Notification No & 09/2023-24 Dated: 19.12.2023

Item rate tenders are invited through e-procurement portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-4**, form The Total no of works is 8, **H/A 5054-04-337-0-01-154 ORF Works** Minimum estimate Cost Rs, 100 lakhs and maximum estimated cost is Rs, 800.00 lakhs, And Total no of works is 5, **H/A 5054-04-337-0-02-436 NABRD Work** Tender Cancellation and Onthier ORF work **Postpone** in this Notification will be Published in E-Procurement Only. Date of events as follows:

- Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the e-procurement portal From 25.12.2023 to 02.01.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs. **Postpone** Date 02.01.2024 to 12.01.2024 Up to 16.00 Hrs.
- Pre-Bid Meeting Date From 01.01.2024. **Postpone** Date 09.01.2024.
- Date & Time for downloading of Last Date :02.01.2024 **Postpone** Date 12.01.2024 Up to 16.00 Hrs.
- Date & Time for opening of Technical bid Date : 03.01.2024 **Postpone** Date :16.01.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs.
- Date & Time for opening of Financial bid Date: 05.01.2024 **Postpone** Date : 18.01.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,

DIPR.CHANAGAR:320-2023-24

PWD Division, Chamarajanagar.

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Credit Recovery and Management Department
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Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in,
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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,62,22,665/-** (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Two Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Five only) as on 12-10-2023 together with further interest to be charged from 13-10-2023 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) **M/s. Balaji Steel and Pipes**, Nos. 4, 16 & 17, Sy. No. 68, Mylasandra, Uttarahalli, Kengeri, Bangalore - 560060. No.2) **Mr. P. Venugopal Naidu**, S/o. Late P.G. Kanniah Naidu, No.77/5, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070. No.3) **Mrs. P. Subbamma**, W/o. P. Venugopal Naidu, No. 77/5, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070.

Note : That our 109-Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSOL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080093439) dated 07-10-2022 requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos. 2 and 3 of you as Partners for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.35,00,000/-** at a ROI of 12.5%. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on 25-01-2023 and the outstanding balance as on 12-10-2023 is **Rs.3,32,272/-** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 13-10-2023 till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. P. Venugopal Naidu,

S/o. Late P.G. Kanniah Naidu)

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Property bearing Block No.13, in Sy. No.107 measuring 11.5 Guntas (Totally Measuring 12,523.5 Sq. feet), converted as per the conversion Order No. BDS. ALN/s(SR) (KT)15/2004-05, dated 20-05-2004 situated at Hemmigeppura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now coming under the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigeppura, Ward No. 198, in BBMP Khatha No.571255/13 and bounded by: East by: Block No. 12 in Sy. No. 107, West by: Road, North by: Road and South by: Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.5,25,00,000/-
(Rupees Five Crore Twenty Five Lakh only)

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mrs. P. Subbamma, W/o. P. Venugopal Naidu)
(Rupees Five Crore Twenty Five Lakh only)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Land and building Property bearing Site No.77/8, BBMP Khatha No.616, PID No.55-124-11, Measuring : East to West 40 Feet, North to South towards Eastern Side, 12 Western Side 36 feet, along with Residential Building, situated at Kadrenehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on:- East by: Remaining Portion of same Property, West by : Road, North by : Property belongs to Dr.Ballal and South by: Smt. Neelamma Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,50,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS	
Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
02-02-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch, No.92, Z Square, Gr.Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager**, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch, No.92, Z Square, Gr.Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657. (5) The properties are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-where-is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 05-01-2024

Authorised Officer

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65111TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com

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SUNDAY 07.01.2024

THE NEW SUNDAY EXPRESS

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:CEE/TZ/HSN/SEE(0)/AEE-5/F-18(HSN)/2023-24/19473-76 Date:05.01.2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)
KPTCL invites bids through KPP mode for the following works.
(1)Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/TZH/Gangmen_HSN/363
Dated: 02.01.2024 for Providing 10Nos of Line Maintenance Gangmen Service (unskilled) required to TLM Sub-division, Hassan coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hassan for a period of one year.
The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink "e procurement kptcl" or <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 11.00 AM on 09.01.2024. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy.,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL,3rd Floor, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan - 573201, Phone : 08172-231051

ATTIBELE BRANCH
#61, Sarjapura Road, Anekal Taluk, Attibele, Bangalore-562107

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Bank of Baroda** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 03.09.2023 calling upon the borrower **Ms.Seema Revankar** and **Mr.Robert F** residing at #37/6, Beershawaranagar, Near Green Valley School, Chunchanagalli, Bangalore-560052 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.67,86,992.00 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Only)**, as on 31.07.2023 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from



Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax : 080-22215602

No: DYES/ES/AP/153/2023-24 Date: 04.01.2024

Short term Tender Notification
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Subject:- The Deputy Director (admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, Karnataka, India invites Tender for Providing project management and consultancy services for establishment of sports museum at Sri Kanterava stadium, Bengaluru, Karnataka through

Sl. No.	Particulars	EMD
1	Providing project management and consultancy services for establishment of sports museum at Sri Kanterava stadium, Bengaluru	Rs.1,00,000/-

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

a) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: Date: 16.01.2024 time 16.00 Hrs. b) Opening of technical bid : Date: 17.01.2024 time 16.30 Hrs. c) Opening of Commercial Offers will be intimated Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
Department of Youth Empowerment and sports
[TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY]

DIPR/CP/2815/AKAR/2023-24



JAYANAGAR BRANCH
1540/22, 22nd Main, 39E Cross,
4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041

APPENDIX- IV-A" [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Jayanagar 4th T Block Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24.01.2024, for recovery of Rs.37,93,188.86/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand and One hundred and eighty eight and Eighty six Paise Only) (as on 04.01.2024) due to the Indian Bank, Jayanagar 4th T Block branch, Secured Creditor, from 1. **Nalini Narasimha (Borrower)**, Flat No.305, 3 rd Floor, "Adithya Prestige apartment", Near Seegehalli Lake, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore. Add-No.59, 4th Cross, Near Yelamma Temple Srinavaglu, Vivek Nagar, Chikkagubbi OG, Bangalore. 2. **Yadvana D (Coborrower)**, Flat No.305, 3 rd Floor, "Adithya Prestige Apartment", Near Seegehalli Lake, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore. The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing old no:30 new property no: 30/1A/3, Khatha No: 30/1A/3/30, East to west: 84 feet, North to South: 60 feet. Totally measuring 5040 Sq.ft. Property situated at Seegehalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike. **Boundaries:** East: Remaining portion of same Sy.no:30/1A/3, West: Road and remaining portion of same Sy.no:30/1A/3, North: 10 feet road & remaining property of the Vendors, South: Property No.30/1A/4 belongs to Smt Chinamma.

Schedule "B" Property (Undivided right, title and interest)
258 Sq.foot of undivided share, right, title and interest as described in Schedule A Property

Schedule "C" Property (Description of Flat)
All that Piece and parcel of Apartment bearing No. Flat No.305, on the Third Floor situated at "Adithya Prestige" constructed on the Schedule "A" containing Two Bedrooms with attached bathroom, living, kitchen-etc, along with one covered car parking space together with 258 sq.foot of undivided share right title and interest in the land described in the schedule "A" property.

Encumbrances on property	Indian Bank
Reserve Price	Rs.38,14,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs.3,81,400/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	24.01.2024, 10 A.M to 4.00 PM
Property ID No.	IDIB 50414467269

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstccommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESH No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapi@msstccommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapi@msstccommerce.com. For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://ibapi.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number "18001025026" and "011-41106131". Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://ibapi.in> and www.mstccommerce.com.

Date: 05.01.2024
Place: Bangalore
Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank



CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of Rs.23,63,963/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Three only) as on 07-11-2023 together with further interest to be charged from 08-11-2023 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) **M/s. S.V. Silks, No.85/3703, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur, Karnataka - 561203, No.2) Mr. Vishwanath, S/o. Shivanna, D.No.3790, 28th Ward, Taluk Office Road, Deshadapete, Behind Old SRM, Doddaballapur - 561203, No.3) Mrs. Kanyakumari CP, W/o. Vishwanath, D.No.3790, 28th Ward, Taluk Office Road, Deshadapete, Behind Old SRM, Doddaballapur - 561203.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Vishwanath, S/o, Shivanna)
Property Situated at 4th Ward, Deshadapete, Doddaballapur - 561203, Old Khata No.2461, Present Khata No.8579/3697/1, Present Khata SL No.350, measuring , East-West 8 feet and North-South 45 feet, Bounded by : East : Property of Item No.2, West : Properties of Channabasavayya & Jayanna, North : Compound of Masjid, South : Road.

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Vishwanath, S/o, Shivanna)
Property Situated at 4th Ward, Deshadapete, Doddaballapur - 561203, Old Khata No.2459, Present Khata No.8075/3694/1, Present Khata SL No.349, measuring , East-West 22 feet and North-South 33 feet, Bounded by : East : Properties of Gajendra, Veerabhadradarya & Others West : Property of Item No.1, North : Property of Item No.3, South : Road.

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. Vishwanath, S/o, Shivanna)
Property Situated at 4th Ward, Deshadapete, Doddaballapur - 561203, Old Khata No.3694/3695/3697/3698/2, Present Khata No.7774/3694, Present Khata SL No.348, measuring , East-West 15 feet and North-South 15 feet, Bounded by : East : Properties of Jayanna & Others, West : Property of Item No.1, North : Compound of Masjid, South : Property of Item No.2, Total Extent of Land 1,311 Sq.Ft. RCC Ground Floor & First Floor Residential Building constructed therein.

Reserve Price : Rs. 27,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh only) (For Schedule - A, B and C)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS	
Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
01-02-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Doddaballapur Branch, 1108/1116/925, Hungi Complex, Cinema Street, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 561203. Telephone No.080-27622082, Cell No.9341673937.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms From The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Doddaballapur Branch, 1108/1116/925, Hungi Complex, Cinema Street, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 561203. (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No.080-27622082, Cell No.9341673937. (5) The properties are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other taxes), TDS, GST if any, due to the Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 05-01-2024
Authorised Officer
Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287.
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com



KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : 419.420/SE/PHC/TSR/2023-2024

JIM - 1. Clear water gravity main from Mudavanur (Thripatha) to Kooland 2. Desamangalam, Varavoor, Erumapetty, Kadangode, Velur, Choodal, Kandannasser, Mulluraka Pts & Wadakkanchery Municipality - Raw Water Pumping mains EMD: Rs. 2,00,00,000/-; Tender fee: Rs. 11,800/-; Last Date for submitting Tender: 19-01-2024, 03:00pm. Phone: 0487 - 2423230 Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Thrissur
KWA-JB-GL-6-2006-2023-24



SULTANPALYA BRANCH
Sultanpalya Branch, No.7/2, S R Naik Legacy, Devagowda
Main Road, Sultanpalya, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560032

APPENDIX- IV-A" [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical /constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Sultanpalya, Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24/01/2024, for recovery of Rs.49,59,453/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty three only) as on 06/01/2024 due to the Indian Bank, Sultanpalya branch, Secured Creditor, from "Girish N and Sumathi N" Residing at Ramanuja Enclave" Apartment Flat No.C-106 Ground Floor, C-Block Property bearing Sy.No.80, BBMP Khata No.4260/431/80, Kodipalya Main Road, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru-560060. The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
Schedule - The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated here under
Schedule 'A' Property - All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted land vide conversion order dated 12.04.2004 passed by Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) in No. BDS.ALN(s)SR(KT): 171/2003-04 in Sy.No.80 of Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk measuring 3 Acres 1/4 Guntas or 1,30,953 Sq.ft presently BBMP Khata No.4290/431/80 and bounded on: East By: Road heading from kengeri to Hemmigepeura and then property purchased by Smt Geetha, West by: Private Property thereaffer Vushabhavathi River, North by: Pathway heading from Kengeri to Hemmigepeura, South by: Private property, Kadriappa's Land.
Schedule 'B' - Property 520 Sq.Ft of undivided share right title and interest in the land in the schedule 'A' Property.

Schedule 'C' Property - A Residential apartment 2 BHK Apartment bearing No. C-106 in the Ground Floor "C" Block of the building constructed and known as "RAMANUJA ENCLAVE" with a super built up area of 1230 sq.ft along with one covered car parking No C-106 in the Basement with proportionate share in common areas such as passages lobbies lift and staircase etc contained in the multistoried building constructed on the schedule 'A' Property.

Encumbrances on property	Yes Available
Reserve Price	43,00,000/-
EMD Amount	4,30,000/-
Bid incremental amount	10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	24/01/2024 FROM 11.00 AM TO 4.00 PM
Property ID No.	IDIB65568439890

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstccommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESH No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapi@msstccommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapi@msstccommerce.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://ibapi.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number "18001025026" and "011-41106131". Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://ibapi.in> and www.mstccommerce.com.

Date: 06.01.2024
Place: Bangalore
Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION
TENDER NOTICE No. SR-TVC0SnT(TEND)/3/2024/01
Dated: 04.01.2024

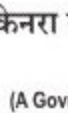
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram - 14 invites e-tenders for the following works.

Sl. No.	Tender No	Name of the works
1	TVC-SNT-TELE-23-24-24	Improvements to PF No.1 and FOB including improvements to illumination
2	TVC-SNT-TELE-23-24-28	Provision of Video surveillance system at Engineering branch/TVC Railway Divisional Office
3	TVC-SNT-SIG-23-24-30	Annual Zonal Contract for Signal & Telecom gears for FY 2023-24 under the jurisdiction of ADSTGE/ TVC section in TVC Division.
4	TVC-SNT-SIG-23-24-31	Annual Zonal Contract for Signal & Telecom gears for FY 2023-24 under the jurisdiction of ADSTGE/ QLN section in TVC Division.
5	TVC-SNT-SIG-23-24-32	Annual Zonal Contract for Signal & Telecom gears for FY 2023-24 under the jurisdiction of DSTGE/ ERS section in TVC Division.
6	TVC-SNT-SIG-23-24-33	Provision of Signalling arrangements for the Pro. Replacement of existing steel Girder of Bridge. No.2387 Dn at km.212 / 279, 2383 Dn at km. 211 / 433, 128 Up at km.99 / 257 & 136 Up at km.96 / 279 PSC / RCC Slabs, Re-Girding of bridge Nos. 191 Up & Dn, 198 Up & Dn, 175 Up, 104 Up, 296, 174,161 Up and strengthening (Bridge No. 398 / A at km 313 / 534)
7	TVC-SNT-TELE-23-24-35	Reliability Improvement of Telecommunication Assets in TVC Division
8	TVC-SNT-TELE-23-24-36	Replacement of defective and damaged Quad cables at Vulnerable block sections in TVC Division

Sl. No.	Cash Value (Approx.) (₹ Ps)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Last Date for Receipt of Tender	Completion period
1	767,284.37	15,400	05.02.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	3 months
2	3,46,260.5	6,900	05.02.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	1 month
3	10,00,000	20,000	29.01.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	4 months
4	25,00,000	50,000	29.01.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	4 months
5	25,00,000	50,000	29.01.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	4 months
6	42,12,731	84,300	05.02.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	12 months
7	43,04,627.38	86,100	05.02.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	12 months
8	1,63,20,676.52	2,31,600	29.01.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs	6 months

Complete details & tender document will be available at www.ireps.gov.in

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Canara Bank
Trinity Circle, BSNL Complex,
SV Road, Near Lido Mall,
Bengaluru-560008

POSSESSION NOTICE [Section 13(4)]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Trinity Circle Branch, Bengaluru, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 10.07.2023 calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, 1) **Sri.Anandraj, T, S/o Sri. Thammaiah, No.154/D, Cantonment Railway Quarters, Benson Town Post, Bengaluru-560046** And also to: No.176, Gulliamara Road, Kacharakannahalli, Bengaluru-560084 and Guarantor 2) **Smt.N.Shivaram Subbamma, No.176, Gulliamara Road, Kacharakannahalli, Bengaluru-560084**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.57,27,734.90 Paise** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four and Paise Ninety Only) as on 10.07.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 3rd January 2024.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.57,27,734.90 Paise** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four and Paise Ninety Only) as on 10.07.2023 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs. The borrower attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Property: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.108/2, measuring 2Acres 8 Guntas, situated at Kachanakannahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, (land converted for non agricultural residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated: 11.11.1992 vide B/DIS/ALN/SRA/103/1998-99, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) and bounded on the: East By: Land in Sy. No. 108/2, West By: Road, carved out of kharab land, North By: Road, carved out of kharab land, South By: Tank Bed.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 400 Square Feet of undivided share, rights, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property, which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule "C" Apartment unit.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property comprising one Apartment unit Flat bearing No.E-203, on the Second Floor, in the "E" Block, in the Residential Apartment building known as "Garden Residency", having Super Built Up Area measuring 1,089 Square Feet, constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, alongwith one covered Car parking space in the Basement/surface/stilt Floor, and bound on the: East By: Area open to Sky of Apartment building, West By: Residential Apartments privately numbered as BE-204 in the First Floor of Tower 'E', in 'B' Block, North By : Common Corridor, South By: Area open to Sky of the Apartment building.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 03.01.2024
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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1.2	Thiyilla road (ID 72)	2023_SC.TLT_626141_2	Rs.2,17,95,408/-	10 Jan 2024
1.3	Ananthankadu Temple Road(ID64)	2023_SC.TLT_627947_2	Rs.82,63,985/-	10 Jan 2024

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The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

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Schedule A - All that piece and parcel of property bearing New Municipal No.4, Old No.8 & 9, Sy.No.19/2 situated at Kadrirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, Padmanabhanagar, New Ward No. 181 (old Ward No.55), Revenue Layout, Adjacent to Kanaka BHCS Layout, Bangalore.
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Encumbrances on property	Indian Bank
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Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	24.01.2024, 10 A.M to 4.00 PM
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2024: DEMOCRACY ON BALLOT AS 4 BN VOTE WORLDWIDE

WHO are you? A chance encounter at a bar in 1964 triggered legendary rocker Pete Townshend to convert the existential question into a hit single 'Who Are You'. Over time, the song has evolved into an anthem challenging listeners to question their identities and values. The question is verily the theme song defining the context of contemporary politics. Identity has overtaken ideals as campaigns focus on 'who are you' illuminating both the elected and the elector.

In 2024, the future of democracy is on the ballot. Beginning this Sunday in Bangladesh, in over 50 countries across the world around 4 billion voters, roughly half the world's population, will vote to determine who will govern their nations. The countries going to poll include the world's largest democracy, India, and the world's oldest democracy, the US; among the others are Taiwan, Indonesia, Pakistan, United Kingdom, South Africa, Mexico and Russia.

Not all democracies are equally democratic. In Bangladesh, the elections have been boycotted by the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party. Exiled opposition leader Tarique Rahman dubbed it as a sham and said it would be inappropriate to participate in a poll with a predetermined outcome.

In Pakistan, where polls are scheduled for the first week of February, Imran Khan, in a signed article written from prison and published in *The Economist*, declared that democracy was under siege and that the elections could be a farce.

Elsewhere, challenge is ensured despite scepticism. In Russia, where Vladimir Putin is contesting for a fifth term as president, Russia's national election commission has approved the candidature of two challengers—Leonid Slutsky of the Liberal Democratic Party and Vladislav Davankov of the New People Party—on the ballot for the March 15 election. In 2018, the main opposition leader Alexei Navalny was barred and Putin won 76 percent of the votes. The outcome is expected to be similar in 2024.

Contests are often portrayed as a do-or-die binary. On Friday, US President Joe Biden, who is pitted against twice-impeached Republican front-runner Donald Trump, told Americans, "Whether democracy is still America's sacred cause is what the 2024 election is all about." Trump responded by calling Biden's rally a "pathetic, fear-mongering campaign event". Democracy demands choice. The median age of the US population is around 38 years. Biden is 81 years old and Trump is 77. Unsurprisingly, polls reveal that 70 percent of the respondents don't want Biden and 60 percent do not want Trump as their next president.

In India, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at a campaign rally presented the contest as one between his party's vision of empowerment and the BJP's ideology of hate and inequality. The president of the party, Mallikarjun Kharge, observed, "If the BJP and RSS came to power again, democracy will be finished." In a recent interview, Modi, seen on cue for a third term, rejected such claims and pointed out, "These claims not only insult the intelligence of the Indian people but also underestimate their deep commitment to values like diversity and democracy."

Increasingly, the contests are less about the isms of ideology and more about ethno-identities and socio-cultural schisms. In the UK, the Rishi Sunak regime has ratcheted up the rhetoric on immigration with disastrous results in a quest to regain lost ground. This year will also see elections for the European parliament. Despite an ageing population which needs new workers and immigrants, voters are voting for anti-immigration parties. The influence of populist propaganda presented by far right groups is visible in Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia and indeed in France.

It is useful to remember that the contours of democracy are traced by voters convinced by contextual popular persuasions. The messaging by Adolf Hitler ensured voters elected the Nazis and sustained the reign of the third Reich. In India, voters reverted to Indira Gandhi in 1980 despite the experience of Emergency. The rise of Trumpism illustrates the power of the victim-villain narrative.

Beyond the rough and tumble of national politics, upheavals in democracies matter for the survival of the rules-based world order. In a week's time, Taiwan goes to the polls. The contest is effectively between a pro-China opposition alliance of Kuomintang and Taiwan People's Party, which have vowed to restart talks with China, and the independent Taiwan stance of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party. The outcome has serious geopolitical implications.

The construct of the democratic state is of recent vintage—the oldest democracy, the US, was effectively established in 1789. Politics in the US has yo-yoed from isolationism to internationalism to isolationism, from New Deal liberalism to neo-liberalism. The swing from thesis to anti-thesis and back is typical of democracies.

The world is confronted by a confluence of competing disruptions in climate change, demography and adoption of technology. The emerging constituency of grief merits attention, but campaigns are focussed on painting phantoms.

The process of resolutions in a democracy is unwieldy, unpredictable and tumultuous. As this column has observed, chaos makes the idea of order seductive. The spectre of chaos is showcased by Chinese President Xi Jinping and his ilk to promote their operating systems. If faith in democracy is to be sustained, its evangelists must bridge the gap between the electors and the elected, and enable a renaissance.

WHAT DONKEYS CAN TEACH US ABOUT TRADE



OPINION

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TRADE data today follows the harmonized system (HS) of nomenclature under the auspices of World Customs Organization. Every product is described through a digit, and the more the number of digits, the finer and more disaggregated the description. At the 6-digit level, there are more than 5,000 products. The 2-digit level of HS is called a chapter and the 4-digit level is called a heading. There are 97 chapters.

Very roughly, the initial chapters are about primary products. As one moves down the chapters, there is more of value addition and manufacturing. For example, Chapters 1 to 5 are for live animals and animal products. Chapters 28 to 38 are for chemical and allied industries. A bit more specifically, Chapter 01—that's 2-digit—is for live animals. Chapters 02 to 05 get into the domain of animal products, dairy and fish.

Under Chapter 01, which is for live animals, what is the first 4-digit code in the entire HS system? This will never figure as a KBC question. The answer happens to be 0101—live horses, asses, mules and hinnies. Disaggregating further, 010130 is live asses, while 010190 is live mules and hinnies. Until I encountered this HS code, I had no idea what a hinny was. Nor did I know the clear difference between a mule a hinny. A hinny is the offspring of a male horse and a

female donkey, known as jenny. A mule is the offspring of a male donkey and a female horse. There is a pedantic difference between an ass and a donkey too. An ass can be wild; a donkey is typically domesticated.

Pakistan exports a lot of donkeys, especially to China. The Chinese use donkey hide for traditional Chinese medicines. Pakistan does have a lot of donkeys. Evidently, it is difficult to get reliable global data on the global donkey population, since a lot of ownership is in remote and rural areas. Subject to that, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) gives us data that there are some 51 million donkeys in the world, mostly in Africa, and the number has increased. Most donkeys are in Ethiopia, Sudan, Pakistan, Chad and Mexico.

For 2019, the FAO tells us Pakistan had 5.4 million donkeys. But Pakistan recently presented its Economic Survey for 2022-23. We don't, of course, need that survey to tell us Pakistan is in dire economic straits. But in that survey, we are told that Pakistan's donkey population has been steadily increasing, 5.6 million in 2020-21, 5.7 million in 2021-22 and 5.8 million in 2022-23. That's an increase of 100,000 a year. (In comparison, the population of mules has been flat.) There is probably an inverse correlation between economic development and donkey ownership. As one does better, one needs fewer donkeys as working animals. It is rare that one keeps donkeys as pets, though the Donkey Sanctuary based in the UK propagates this.

For India, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying gives us basic animal husbandry statistics and the latest numbers are for 2023. In

1956, we had 1.1 million donkeys. In 2019, the number was just 120,000. The decline has been steady down the years, but has been particularly sharp since 2012, when there were 320,000 donkeys. Mules were never that common and there were just about 80,000 mules in 2019. The mules are mostly in Himachal Pradesh, J&K and Uttarakhand. Donkeys are concentrated in Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra and UP, with the largest number in Rajasthan.

For most of us, a donkey is a donkey. But within donkeys, there are different breeds. For example, Spiti in Himachal Pradesh, Halari in Gujarat, Kachchi in Gujarat and Sindhi in Rajasthan. Some breeds can travel long distances per day, others can carry heavier loads. Whatever one may say about donkey milk (the yields are low), that hasn't quite taken off.

Legally, the slaughter of donkeys and trade in meat and hide is prohibited. Donkeys in India are therefore working animals—cart and pack animals, brick kilns, construction, sand-mining, pot-making with clay, carrying milk and pilgrimage sites. In each of these, urbanisation, better transport connectivity and mechanization have led to reduced dependence on donkeys. Add to that the loss of grazing grounds. Therefore, following that inverse correlation between development and donkey ownership, there should be fewer donkeys.

There is a poem by G K Chesterton titled, 'The Donkey'. Towards the end, it has the line, "For I also had my hour." Chesterton alluded to something else, but the Indian donkey seems to have had its hour. One that is past.

But there is a bit more. With development, there should be fewer donkeys.

But the drop in India since 2012 has been much more than the trend, suggesting there is something else at work. Despite the ban, donkeys are slaughtered illegally—a fact that figured before the Andhra Pradesh High Court in 2017. But that too is an incomplete explanation. It is too localised. A more plausible hypothesis is that what Pakistan does legally, we do illegally. Therefore, one should restrain snide remarks about Pakistan exporting donkeys to China.

Many of us have not heard of ejiao—it is a gelatin based on donkey hide and is prized as an ingredient in Chinese traditional medicine. Incidentally, the Chinese government has sought to promote traditional Chinese medicine. China's domestic donkey population declined; donkeys aren't rabbits—they don't have high reproductive rates. Hence, China started to look for donkey hide from elsewhere.

The adverse effects led to many countries—Uganda, Tanzania, Botswana, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal and Brazil—banning exports of donkeys and donkey hide to China, as do we, ostensibly. In 2021, Brooke India undertook an investigative study. It was titled 'The Hidden Hide' and was done by a journalist named Sharat Verma. In Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, where there have been large declines in donkey populations, there were field visits that highlighted a disconcerting fact. Along the porous border with Nepal, say Raxaul and Rupaidiha, live donkeys and donkey hide are carted across, meant for China.

Donkeys aren't described as exotic, not yet. However, exotic protected animals and buffaloes are also smuggled across through Nepal. With porous borders, these are difficult enforcement issues one can talk about *ad nauseam*. For donkeys, to quote Chesterton again, "Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb, I keep my secret still." That secret of smuggling to China is an open one.



SEARCHING FOR RAM, THE KING OF HEARTS



OPINION

NANDITHA KRISHNA

Historian, environmentalist and writer based in Chennai

RAM has finally found his home. A great king of ancient India was tossed around by 20th century politicians till justice was done to him in this century by the Supreme Court of India. Ram's divinity is a matter of faith. His existence is a matter of fact. If Ram did not exist, neither did Buddha, Mahavir, Jesus Christ or Prophet Mohammed—none of whose lives can be proven by archaeology or inscriptions. So why are only Ram and Krishna put to the test? To doubt the existence of Ram is to doubt all literature. Ram was not a god.

The original story appears in *Canto I* of the epic. Valmiki asks Narad (a generic name) who was the greatest man who ever lived. In a few terse lines, Narad narrates the story of Ram, son of Kausalya, of Ikshvaku lineage, and dutiful son of Dasharath of Ayodhya. There is nothing about Sita's birth, the *swayamvara* or Shiva's bow. The third wife Sumitra, Shatrughna, and the hunchback Manthara are not mentioned.

Kaikeyi wants the throne for her son Bharat, and Dasharath, bound by his oath, exiles Ram, who leaves for the forest with his brother Lakshman and his newly-wedded spouse Sita, daughter of Janak of Mithila. The Nishada chief Guha takes them across the Ganga and

the three reach Chitrakoot. Bharat refuses to accept the throne, implores Ram and returns with his sandals. Ram kills several marauding Rakshasas in the forest and disfigures Shoorpanakha. Nothing about Lakshman chopping off Shoorpanakha's nose.

Ravan causes the two princes to be removed by a fellow Rakshasa named Marich, not a golden deer, and steals Ram's spouse. Ram meets Sabari and the Vanar chief Hanuman, and kills Vali on the battlefield, as an ally of Sugriva, not hiding behind a tree. Then Hanuman crosses a "brackish sea", meets Sita, sets Lanka on fire and returns to Ram.

Ram asks Nala to build a bridge, reaches Lanka and kills Ravan. Ram speaks harshly to Sita, who enters the fire, but Agni vouches that she is sinless—apparently, the fire did not burn her. Ram returns to rule over his kingdom. There is nothing about banishing Sita, a part of the Uttara *kanda*, which is a known later interpolation.

Valmiki says that the three wandered through Dandakaranya, a land of Rakshasas, hunter-gatherers inimical to the expansion of food producers and their religion of fire-worship. Tribals still inhabit these forests. The trio reached Nashik and Panchavati, where Ravan abducted Sita. Kishkinda, where Ram met Sugriva and Hanuman, is a major *Ramayan* site, where every rock and river is associated with the epic: Anjanadri, the birthplace of Hanuman (Anjaneya) and Rishyamukha, Sugriva's capital. Valmiki made the Vanars into monkeys, but the word means forest-dwellers, *vana-nara*, and is confirmed by the Jaina *Ramayan*. Monkey in Sanskrit is *kapi*.

Ram and the Vanar army reached Rameshwaram, where the Vanars built a bridge from Dhanushkodi to Talaimannar. A NASA satellite has photographed an underwater bridge in the Palk Strait.

On his return from Lanka, Ram worshipped Shiva at Rameshwaram, where Sita prepared a lingam out of sand. The lingam at Rameshwaram temple is still made of sand, in a state where nearly every religious icon is made of stone. The places visited by Ram everywhere retain memories of his visit in commemorative temples and local folklore.

The epic is a zoologist's delight. The trees and animals described in each of the four forests—Chitrakoot, Dandakaranya, Kishkinda and Ashokavana—are still found in the same forests. The important animal species—langur (Hanuman and Sugriva), bear (Jambavan) and

tinct only 12,000 years ago.

Rakshasas are described by the *Rig Veda* as demons and deceitful enemies of the Devas. But several Rakshasas were scholars and kings, like Ravan and Vibhishan. The prime minister of the Nandas was the renowned historical Rakshas, retained as prime minister by Chandragupta Maurya on Chanakya's advice, and immortalised in Vishakhadatta's *Mudrarakshasa*. Bhima's wife Hidimba and Sharmishtha, wife of Yayati, belonged to this clan.

The *Ramayan* is geographically correct. Every site on Ram's route is still identifiable and has continuing traditions or temples to commemorate Ram's visit. Thousands of years ago, no writer could travel around the country inventing a story, fitting it into local folklore and building temples for greater credibility.

Sri Lanka retains memories of the *Ramayan*. Ravan is believed to have inhabited the region of the Ella Falls. Hasalakawas, the site of Lankapura where Sita was held captive before she was moved to Ashokavana, is where a Sital Amman temple is situated. There is a statue of Ravan, king of Lanka, at the Koneswaram temple at Trincomalee. One school of thought places Lanka on the Godavari in Central India. But Lanka, say both Narad and Valmiki, was across the "brackish" sea.

Ram's memory lives on because of his extraordinary life and his wonderful reign, a period of peace and prosperity, making Ramrajya a yardstick for successful rule. People only remember the very good or the very bad. So popular is the story of Ram and his reign that it has travelled to Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Philippines, Japan, China and Mongolia—in fact, throughout Asia.

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QUOTE CORNER

I didn't think too much and just wanted to hit the right areas. Got the learnings from the last game that I didn't hit the right lengths and I wanted to be relentless here. When we play together with Bumrah, we analyse the wicket quicker and understand the plans.

Mohammed Siraj, pace bowler, after starting 2024 with career-best figures of 6/15 in the first innings of the second Test against South Africa

Israel's acts are genocidal because they are intended to bring about destruction of a substantial part of the Palestinian national, racial and ethnical group.

South African government's statement to the International Court of Justice in the Hague initiating formal charges of genocide against Israel

They're really annoying... In emails, I'll tell them: this is all grammatically incorrect? And they're like: 'Why would I do that, isn't that kind of limiting?'

Jodie Foster, 61-year-old actor, joking in an interview with the *Guardian* about why working with generation Z can be annoying

MAILBAG WRITE TO

Debate needed

Ref: *Debate and discuss laws more thoroughly in 2024 and beyond* (Jan 6). Though the opposition always makes it a point to disrupt parliament proceedings, the NDA government should set reasonable timeframes for discussions or debates on bills, hearing the views of a wide section before enacting them. Making changes in laws after strikes is a sad commentary on governance. The editorial was really spot on.

S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Go local

Ref: *If Kannada is the tongue of locals, speak on* (Jan 6). As the writer observes, a typical Kannadiga is an all-inclusive persona and not a language bigot. When one decides to live in a state other than one's own, one should learn at least a few hundred common words of the local language. Pre-primary kids know only 50-100 words in English, but discuss everything under the sun with that limited vocabulary. Reason:

60% of communication is non-verbal.

G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

Be tolerant

Harish Bijoor's arguments are good, but the conclusion is hasty. In a multilingual country like ours, where mobility is incalculable, how can one pick up a local language soon enough to converse with locals? Whether we admit it or not, English is the lingua franca and will remain so for years. Besides, we should not forget body language and sign language. Love your language, promote it; but be tolerant of other languages.

J Bhagyalakshmi, email

Stage tactics

Whenever a leader form a non-Tamil-speaking state comes to address a Tamil audience, it has become customary to begin with certain Tamil words like 'vanakkam'. We should understand that these are stage tactics, and in the case of politicians, nothing but vote-bank politics. As the poet Thiruvalluvar said, "Epporul yaar yaar vai ketpinum apporul meip-

porul kaanpadhu arivu (It is wise to understand the truth behind one's speech, whoever the speaker)."

Rajakumar Arulnandham, Tirunelveli

Labour lacuna

The latest CMIE report shows that the labour force participation rate—the rate of people looking for work in the 15-60 age group—has been continuously decreasing for seven years to touch 39.5% in 2022-23. This should be a matter of concern to any government. If 60% of working-age people give up their desire to work, what will be the future of the country? Such despair occurs when work is not available for years on end. The same report also revealed that only one in 10 working-age women wanted to work. Planners will have to think.

N Ashraf, Mumbai

Condemn attack

It is shocking that a violent mob attacked an ED team at Kolkata as the officials were trying to enter the house of a TMC leader. The explanation given by TMC is meaningless as many times the ED and CBI search

premises in secrecy to stop a possible news leak. The Mamata Banerjee government committed a blunder in not immediately condemning the attack.

Jayaprakash Reddy, Nalgonda

Church divide

Ref: *Priest who joined BJP removed from Orthodox church positions* (Jan 6). This decision of the church is right and shall send a stern message to all others who want to intrude into politics. Mixing politics and religion is sitting on a powder keg. It is time our politicians gain the love and respect of people by resolving problems such as corruption, unemployment, literacy and pollution. Let god remain god.

Biju C Mathew, Thonnakkal

Navy commendation

We must commend the Indian Navy for foiling the hijack bid on a bulk cargo carrier in Arabian Sea. The Navy rescued 21 crew members, including 15 Indians. The Navy diverted *INS Chennai* from her anti-piracy patrol and it intercepted the hijacked vessel.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

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The Congress party, which did injustice to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, is now talking about justice in the country.**Mallikarjun Kharge** @Kharge
We join the nation in celebrating an extraordinary milestone by our dedicated scientists and space engineers at ISRO, as India's first solar observatory #Aditya-1 reaches its destination.**Mahua Moitra** @MahuaMoitra
Just curious to know how @IndianOlympians spends ₹20 lakh per month of taxpayer money to hire this CEO (Raghuram Iyer). Which skills does he bring to the table?

India and Saudi to sign agreement on Haj pilgrims

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

MINISTER of State for External Affairs V Muralleedharan, along with Minister of State for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs Smriti Irani will visit Saudi Arabia on Sunday to sign and exchange the bilateral Haj Agreement 2024.

"The Haj Quota for this year is likely to be 1,75,000 which will be significant," according to a source.

Minister Irani is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with the Minister of Haj and Umrah Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah.

The discussions will be based on areas of mutual interest primarily for the forthcoming Haj this year.

Notably, Dr Tawfiq was in Delhi in December and had reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment to enable more Indians in undertaking the annual pilgrimage.

"During our meetings with Minister Irani, we explored various opportunities that we aim to capitalise and challenges that we are dedicated to overcoming. We will also facilitate arrival of more pilgrims for Umrah," Dr Tawfiq said.

He also pointed out that there was a 22 per cent increase (1.2 million) in people travelling for Umrah from India in 2023 when compared to 2022.

India and Saudi Arabia are also considering enhancing air services, including low cost carriers from Saudi Arabia like Flynas and Flyadeal.

Meanwhile, the Indian delegation is also slated to meet the Indian business community and Indian diaspora in Saudi Arabia.

On January 8, the minister will attend the opening ceremony of the third Edition of 'Haj and Umrah Conference' in Jeddah being organised by the Saudi Ministry of Haj and Umrah Affairs.



V Muralleedharan and Smriti Irani



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Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah, Minister of Haj and Umrah Affairs, Saudi Arabia

It's personal faith, one can go to Ram temple any day without invite: Kharge

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN his first reaction on attending the consecration of Ram temple in Ayodhya, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said that he will "very soon" take a decision on whether to attend the ceremony on January 22 or not.

"I received the invitation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's former principal secretary and I will decide on it very soon," Kharge told media, while unveiling the logo and slogan of 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' that will be flagged off on January 14 from Manipur.

When quizzed about the different opinions within the party on the temple event, he said, "It is about personal faith. One can go there anytime — today, tomorrow or in future without any invitation."

Targeting Modi over his indifference to the ongoing violence in Manipur, Kharge said that though the PM has time for photo shoots, he has not visited the state yet. "An unfortunate incident occurred in Manipur, but Modi clicked photos of swimming, at beaches, at ongoing temple construction sites, or in Kerala and Mumbai. You can see his photos everywhere... Just like the 'darshan' of God first thing after waking



You can see Modi's photos everywhere... Just like the 'darshan' of God first thing after waking up. But why did this great man not go to Manipur?

Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress chief

up. But why did this great man not go to Manipur?" he asked.

Kharge said the Congress is holding the yatra as the government is not allowing the opposition to raise their voice in Parliament. He added that the aim is to engage with people directly. The yatra will cover 110 districts, 100 Lok Sabha seats and 337 assembly segments in 66 days, said Kharge.

On a question of speculation on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar being considered as convener of INDIA Bloc, Kharge said that it will be decided within two weeks. "That

'1 nation 1 poll' panel seeks public comments in 10 days

A public notice says that suggestions should reach by January 15

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A high-level committee, headed by former President **Ram Nath Kovind**, has invited suggestions from the public "for making appropriate changes in the existing legal administrative framework to enable simultaneous elections in the country".

However, a public notice published on January 5, says that the suggestions must be submitted by January 15, leaving a short window for the public to make recommendations on 'simultaneous polls', which involves complex constitutional amendments and changes.

The Centre had set up the panel on September 2 to examine and recommend holding simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies.

In a public notice, the panel said that the suggestions from the public received by January 15 would be taken up for consideration. The suggestions can be posted on the committee's website onoe.gov.in or sent by e-mail to sc-hlc@gov.in.

Recently, the committee had written to political parties seeking their views and a meeting on a "mutually agreed date" on the proposal of holding simultaneous polls. The panel said that letters have been sent to six national, 33 state, and seven registered unrecognised parties,



inviting their suggestions. However, several opposition-led states are opposed to the idea of 'one nation one poll' mooted by Prime Minister Modi in 2014.

The panel has held only two meetings since its formation last September. It has also heard the views of the Law Commission headed by Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, which is on the process of finalising its report on simultaneous polls.

The Law Commission, in its first meeting with the Kovind panel on October 25, had submitted suggestions that included proposed changes to the Constitution for holding simultaneous polls in the country.

Some of the terms of reference of the high-level committee are to examine if constitutional amendments would have to be ratified by the state assemblies.

The committee has been also asked to analyse and recommend possible solutions if

Consultations

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there are scenarios like a hung house, adoption of no-confidence motion or defection. "The committee will examine the logistics and manpower required, including EVMS, VVPATs, etc, for holding such simultaneous elections," as per the panel's terms of reference.

Many experts have pointed out that the main challenge to the proposal has been the requirement of five constitutional amendments to facilitate simultaneous polls.

The amendment of Articles 83, 85, 172, 174, and 356 of the Constitution and certain legislative changes are required to conduct simultaneous polls in the country.

Kovind had earlier endorsed the proposal saying that many committees, including the parliamentary committee, NITI Aayog, Election Commission of India, and others have said that the tradition of 'one nation one election' needs to be revived in the country.

BJP plans large-scale live telecast of Ram temple consecration ceremony

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AIMED at the next Lok Sabha polls due in April-May this year, the BJP has arranged a live telecast of the consecration ceremony of the Ram idol in Ayodhya on January 22 at each poll booth across all Lok Sabha constituencies.

The Saffron Party, seeing a growing religious sentiment for the temple, has activated its district units and over 610 lakh workers to show the live telecast on big screens put up at each booth across all panchayats.

The consecration ceremony on January 22 will begin at an auspicious moment as per the Hindu calendar in the sanctum sanctorum of Ram temple in Ayodhya with the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and over 6,000 invited dignitaries from across the country.

"We are hiring big screens and many operators have offered us screens for free," said a senior BJP leader. "With this support in the service of Ram, the people will have direct access to watch the live telecast

Reflections of grandeur

The Ram Temple Trust committee has released the features of the temple showing the sanctum sanctorum, where the idol of Ram Lalla will be installed on January 22 on the first floor of the temple, whereas the second floor will be dedicated as 'Ram-Darbar'. In the three-storied temple, 392 pillars and 44 doors have been erected.

of the consecration ceremony," he said. It is estimated that more than 50 crore people will be watching the live telecast of the consecration ceremony. "This is going to be this century's most historic day as well as an epoch moment," remarked a BJP leader.

Celebrating the mythical return of Lord Ram to Ayodhya, BJP workers with VHP and RSS volunteers plan to carry out various services such as distribution of blankets, community service and distribution of fruits among the poor, said BJP sources. Many priests, well-versed in Vedic rituals led by Lakshmi Kant Dixit will perform the main rituals, said sources.



Security beefed up as Bangladesh goes to polls today; 3 Indians among observers

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A DAY after miscreants set ablaze five bogies of the Benapole Express in the Gopibagha area in Dhaka, Bangladesh's Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal on Saturday said that the Election Commission is trying to ensure that the elections would be free and fair and would find acceptance both within Bangladesh and abroad.

Security has been beefed up across the country. One hundred observers from across the world, including three from India, have been deployed.

This is the 12th national election in Bangladesh, and 700 Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) teams will be deputed across Bangladesh on election duty, as there is a possibility of unrest.

"There are close to 100 foreign observers, including three



from India, who will monitor the twelfth general election, which is being held under tight security. The election commission said voting will start at 8 am and end at 5 pm on January 7. The results are expected to start flowing from early on January 8," a source added.

Awal did not rule out the possibility of violence, as Bangladesh National Party — the opposition party — was boycotting

the polls and had urged people to boycott it too. The government has made arrangements to deal with issues of unrest and vandalism.

In order to maintain law and order and a peaceful election process, besides RAB teams, specialised units including dog squads, bomb disposal units, and RAB helicopters have been kept on standby. A new device called OIVS has been installed to identify intruders.

"The Onsite Identification and Verification System (OIVS) can instantly identify any person they bring under their scanner. Operated through an internet connection, this mobile-like device is easy to carry and needs the fingerprint of a person to track his records, including his national identity number, etc," according to a source who added that this would speed up criminal investigation.

Bilkis case: SC order on convicts' release on Jan 8

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court will deliver its verdict on pleas challenging the premature release of 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case on January 8.

A two-judge bench, which had reserved its verdict on October 12 last year, would pronounce the judgement, as per the court's cause list.

The Gujarat government had granted remission to all the convicts following a May 2022 judgment in which the top court had held that an application of remission should be considered in line with the policy of the state where the crime was committed and not where the trial was held.

This created a massive public outrage, with social activists, lawyers and civil society members terming it as "miscarriage of justice."

Eight Indian navy veterans file first appeal in Qatar's Cassation court

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AN appeal has been filed by the legal team representing the eight Indian Navy veterans in Qatar's Cassation Court.

This is the first appeal filed after the judgement was announced on December 28 in the court of appeal where the death sentence was commuted into jail terms for all the eight naval veterans.

"The families who were in Doha for a few weeks before the last appeal was heard on December 28, had signed the appeal papers that have been submitted in the Cassation court. Most of the family members have returned to India. Even though the death sentence has been commuted, there are varying jail terms for each of the eight naval veterans — from three years (which has been awarded to Sailor Ragesh) upto 25 years," said a source, adding that this is

THE MARVELOUS MR MASSEY

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

IT was a year of *Jawan*, *Pathaan* and *Animal* — films whose macho men, with beards and big guns, loomed large on the big screen. It was a year in which every other week, a blockbuster seemed to be haring towards the ₹300-crore mark. Amid all this, a comparatively 'smaller' film, with a protagonist far removed from alpha male violence, has won, and it's a big deal. Vidhu Vinod Chopra's tale of grit, *12th Fail*, is holding strong in theatres, even in its eleventh week. It's an exceptional feat, given the film had its OTT release on December 29.

Based on the 2019 book of the same name by Anurag Pathak, *12th Fail* tells the real-life story of Manoj Kumar Sharma who braved all odds to become an IPS officer. The lead role is fittingly played by Vikrant Massey, an actor, whose persona seems to blend wonderfully into the character. At various instances, the actor's own resilience seems to come through in the performance. "Somewhere, I saw myself in the story," Massey said before the film's release. His resolute portrayal of a boy from Chambal who battles poverty to crack the civil services exam touched the heartstrings of the aspiring

Indian. Praise for him has been a long time coming.

On account of the nuanced roles he generally excels in, Massey might not come across as a song-and-dance actor but his foray into the arts actually started on stage. He had a dancer in him from the age of seven, which led to formal training at the Shiamak Davar Institute of Performing Arts (SDIPA), where he grew so much that he began teaching the form. There aren't many films (except maybe *Ginny Weds Sunny* and *14 Phere*) that have showcased this side of him. In a conversation with us last year, Massey confessed that it was a conscious decision for him to step away from dancing. "I am not a trained actor, so I wanted to put all my energy into performing in front of the camera," he said. "I might sound pompous as I say this, but even if somebody wakes me up from sleep and asks me to shake a leg, I can oblige."

Massey's journey started on TV with the 2007 musical sitcom *Dhoom Machao Dhoom*; next was the period drama *Dharam Veer*, in which he played the titular prince Dharam alongside Rajat Tokas, the small-screen's beloved Prithviraj Chauhan. His film debut came with the Vikramaditya Motwane's love story *Lootera*, in which he played a straight-talking sidekick for Ranveer Singh's character. In Zoya Akhtar's dysfunctional family drama



SOURAB ROY

Dil Dhadakne Do, Massey is an endearing Romeo-esque character trying to keep his love-story under wraps. But his acting chops finally got their due in actor Konkona Sen Sharma's debut directorial *A Death in the Gunj*. His layered performance as the introverted Shyamal 'Shutu' Chatterjee left you grappling with a looming, harrowing feeling.

Massey brings easy relatability to his roles. You feel an air of gentle reassurance in his characters. In *Haseen Dil Ruba*, he married these traits with wicked aspiration as Taapsee Pannu's emasculated husband. Often, his on-screen innocence has been

utilised to deliver twists, like in *Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare* and *Criminal Justice*. Although quickly snuffed out, he was the only voice of conscience as Bablu Pandit in the bloody world of *Mirzapur*. In a film where Bobby Deol is the executioner of interfaith couples (*Love Hostel*), Massey's role of a Muslim man on the run left a heady impression. This is particularly true of a shoot-out scene, in which he displays both calm and feverish courage at once. "What I know for sure is that I want to be the common man's hero," he told us in an interview. "I want to be representing the voice of the voiceless."

With *12th Fail*, he has taken another giant leap towards fulfilling this desire. As young Manoj in the film, Massey brings forth earnest boyishness. The protagonist's story, at times, seems to mirror the actor's own struggle for recognition. He once stated that people sometimes still consider him as a "TV actor".

In the film, there's a scene in which Vikrant recites a line from former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's poetry, *Haar nahi manunga, raar nahi thanunga* (I will not give up, I will not give in to alterations). He might as well have been breaking the fourth wall and addressing the audience directly. In the final scene, as he reads his name in the list of candidates who cleared the exam, young Manoj gets weak in the knees and breaks down. That's not just Manoj, that's Vikrant too.



Families return to India

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despite the fact that the same charges were reportedly levelled against each of them.

What lies ahead?

According to people familiar with the matter, the appeal will be heard in the Cassation court, a few times, before another announcement is made for the eight veterans' repatriation is what everyone is hoping for.

Cassation court is a high-stance court that exists in some judicial systems. It is the high-

est court of appeal. Courts of Cassation do not re-examine the facts of a case, they only interpret the relevant law.

The eight naval veterans, who have been under detention in Qatar since August 30, 2022, are Captain Navtej Singh Gill, Captain Saurabh Vashisht, Commander Purnendu Tiwar, Captain Birendra Kumar Verma, Commander Sugunakar Pakala, Commander Sanjeev Gupta, Commander Amit Nagpal and Sailor Ragesh.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	20	10	Mumbai	32	24
Bhopal	23	15	Panaji	08	02
Jaipur	20	09	Patna	21	15
Amritsar	16	04	Lucknow	19	10
Chennai	26	24	Port Blair	34	26
Kolkata	25	15	Imphal	23	05
Srinagar	09	-05	Chandigarh	20	04

U'khand set to implement UCC in Jan

Bill's objective is to have consistency in personal laws across all communities: Minister

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

AS a part of its election manifesto, the state BJP government has signaled its intention to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) by convening a special session of the Assembly this month. Speaking to this newspaper, state's finance minister Premchand Agrawal said the state government is poised to take a major step towards implementing the UCC this month.

"The Uttarakhand government will hold two sessions of the assembly, including a special session in January, during which it will present the state reservation bill and the UCC bill."

Source said the government plans to pass the UCC Bill in the assembly during a special session scheduled for the last week of January. This session is expected to be convened following the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya on January 22. Another session is slated for February, which will be dedicated to the budget.

"The implementation of the UCC will entail the creation of laws that apply to all religions in the context of marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption," said Agrawal. The primary objective of the Bill is to establish consistency in personal laws across different religious communities.



The government will hold two sessions of the assembly in January and will present the state reservation bill and the UCC bill | PTI

Sources said the report related to the bill would include provisions for gender equality and equal rights for daughters in ancestral property.

However, it does not include a provision to increase the legal age of marriage for girls from 18 to 21. With UCC's implementation, Uttarakhand will become the first state in the country to have such a law.

Earlier, UCC was applicable in Goa, but this Act has been in force there since before independence. The Uttarakhand government established an expert committee on May 27, 2022, with an aim to implement the UCC in the state and scrutinize laws on personal

matters of its citizens. This initiative was announced during the inaugural cabinet meeting following the formation of the BJP government in the state.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami had announced that once the committee's report is received, such a code would be in place. The committee received "substantial suggestions from all sides" that there should be equal laws for the number of children per family for all communities.

The committee, chaired by Justice Ranjana Desai, comprises retired Delhi High Court judge Pramod Kohli, social activist Manu Gaur, former chief

What's the bill about?

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secretary Shatrughan Singh, and Doon University vice-chancellor Surekha Dangwal.

Amid mounting tension surrounding the upcoming session, the state Congress launched an attack on the BJP government, labeling the UCC move an electoral gimmick. Karan Mahara, state chief of the Congress, told this paper that if the BJP is genuinely committed to the implementation, they should first secure its passage in the Lok Sabha.

"Uttarakhand should not serve as a testing ground for this initiative," he said. "The very term 'Uniform Civil Code' underscores its national significance, transcending the state boundaries," Mahara said.

Searches at shelter home in Bhopal reveal big lapses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A surprise inspection by teams of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and MP State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has led to a children's home being illegally run on the outskirts of MP capital Bhopal.

The January 4 inspection by the team led by NCPCR chairperson Priyanka Kanoongo revealed that 41 girls (aged between 6 years and 17 years) were residing in the Anchal Bal Griha in Parwalia Sadak area of rural Bhopal.

At least 26 other girls' documents of the ones found at the children home, however, were found missing from there. Subsequent police probe, however, established on Saturday evening that those missing minor girls are safe with families in different parts of Bhopal district.

The 41 girls found residing at the children home hailed from various districts of MP, including tribal dominated Mandla, Balaghat, Chhindwara former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan's home district Sehore, Raipur and Vidisha districts, besides Rajas-

than, Jharkhand and Gujarat.

With none of the 41 girls (which included parentless and single parent girls) having been produced before the respective district's child welfare committee (CWC) before being sent to the home and inadequate security provisions being in place at the unregistered children home, the Parwalia Road police have lodged an FIR under Sections 34, 42 and 75 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 against Anil Mathew, the head of the concerned child home.

According to the MP State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member Nivedita Sharma, who was part of the team that conducted the surprise inspection of the concerned children home on January 4, "The interaction with girls residing at the home revealed that while 6-7 girls were Christians and Muslims, while remaining 30-plus girls were Hindus, mostly hailing from scheduled caste and scheduled tribe families. One of the girls told the team that the children's home staff made them perform Christian prayers."



CPM, Congress condemn TMC, denounce state of law under Didi

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Friday attack on the ED officers united the CPM and Congress against its INDIA alliance partner Trinamool Congress in denouncing the state of law and order under the Mamata Banerjee government.

Citing Mamata's sit-in demonstration four years ago — protesting against the CBI raid at the residence of former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar, presently the Bengal DGP — the CPM described the Bengal CM as the pioneer of what happened in Basirhat in North 24 Parganas.

"The ED officers were attacked and left bleeding when they went to search the house of TMC leader Shahjahan Sheikh. Chief minister Mamata Banerjee had set a precedence four years ago in 2019. She staged sit-in demonstration in Esplanade after the CBI raided Rajeev Kumar's residence. After four years, the TMC supporters followed her footprint in Basirhat. She is the pioneer of the shameful incident in Basirhat," said CPM's central committee member Su-

STATUS: MEMBER OF TMC-DOMINATED ZILLA PARISHAD

Age 47

WHO IS SHAHJAHAN SHEIKH?

ALIAS: GABBAR IN BASIRHAT'S SANDESHKHALI AREA FOR HIS STRONGMAN IMAGE

BACKGROUND: Eldest of four siblings, Shahjahan started as a worker in fisheries and brick kilns in Sandeshkhali. Initially, with Left Front, he later moved to CPM. In 2004, he was a union leader in the kilns. He grew close to Trinamool Congress after Mamata's good show in the 2008 panchayat elections

POLL JOURNEY: First got ticket in 2013 panchayat polls and secured victory. Since then, he has been unstoppable. He caught attention of the TMC leadership and became close to minister Jyoti Priya Mallik, arrested in ration scam case, and former Sandeshkhali TMC MP Nurul Islam

STRENGTH: The area is known as a fisheries pocket. Shahjahan started controlling the waterbodies and the politics around it. After bagging victory in 2023 panchayat polls, Shahjahan in 2019 won zilla parishad seat and was assigned to head fishery department of the highest tier of panchayat system

jan Chakrabarty. Echoing the same, state Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the attack was instigated by police, the department overseen by Mamata. "After this attack by the miscreants from the ruling establishment against central agency officials, it is clearer than ever that there is no law and order in the state. This time, they escaped with injuries. Tomorrow they could be

murdered. Even that ought to be a surprise any longer. It is a fit case for President's rule," said Congress's leader in LS.

CPM state secretary attacked both the TMC and the BJP on the issue of the state's law and order situation. "The TMC has allowed these miscreants to thrive and prosper for the sake of increasing its clout. Bengal witnessed hooliganism under LoP Suvendu Adhikari's patronage during her tenure."

Lord Ram's 'shyamal' image ready for big event

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

CHAMPAT Rai, General Secretary of Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, made an announcement that the idol of Lord Ram to be installed in the 'garbh-griha' (sanctum sanctorum) of the upcoming temple will be in the standing position over a lotus and 'shyamal' (dark) in complexion.

In the video footage of the announcement available on social media, Rai is seen addressing the members of temple trust on late Friday evening. However, the temple trust general secretary did not clarify as to creation of which of the two sculptors — Arun Yogiraj and Ganesh Bhatt — of Karnataka was chosen to be consecrated in Garbh Griha.

"It will be a standing idol with its height from the toe to forehead being 51 inch. It weighs 1.5 tonnes and depicts the deity as a five-year-old child," said Rai. However, the announcement that the idol would be 'shyamal' in colour rules out the possibility of the selection of the one sculpted in Makrana marble by Satyanara-



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Champat Rai, General Secretary of Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust

ian Pandey of Rajasthan as it is white in colour. The rest of the two sculpted by Arun Jogiraj and Ganesh Bhatt have been sculpted through two different dark shades of granite stones sourced from Karnataka.

Nonetheless, of the three idols, two except the one chosen to be consecrated in the garbh griha, will be placed on other floors of the upcoming temple. Rai added that due re-

spect will be given to the other two idols as well and they would be used by the trust.

Elaborating, the temple trust general secretary said that the garbh griha was designed in such a way that on the day of Chaitra Shukla Navmi (Ram Navmi) every year, the rays of the Sun would smear the lord on his forehead (surya tilak).

Notably, after the selection committee's meeting, on De-

cember 29, to evaluate all three idols in contention and choose the best one conforming to all the required attributes for consecration, it was for the first time that an official statement has come from temple trust in connection with the selection of idol.

With the disclosure being made publicly, it is clear that one of the two idols prepared by Ganesh Bhatt or Arun Yogiraj would be placed in the sanctum sanctorum for the 'pran pratistha' ceremony as the two have used 'shyamal' (dark) shilas.

"The stone used in the chosen idol would not be affected by water, milk and other substances that are used as offering or bhog," says Rai. The pran pratistha rituals would commence from January 16 and post-nagar yatra (town tour) of the deity, the idol would be placed in the sanctum sanctorum on January 18. During the yatra, the idol would be kept concealed in a cover and would not be out for public view. On January 22, it will take over as the presiding deity of the holy city in the presence of PM Narendra Modi.

40 yrs later, rhinos return to Assam's Laokhowa-Burachapori sanctuaries

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Assam government is ecstatic as rhinos have returned to Laokhowa and Burachapori wildlife sanctuaries after 40 years. "Happy to share that after 40 years, our iconic rhinos have returned to Laokhowa and Burachapori. They have returned within 1 year of our successful anti-encroachment operation in the region," Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote on X.

He said 51.7 sq km of forest cover was retrieved through the eviction drive. The park's Director Sonali Ghosh described the return of two rhinos to the protected area as mother nature's magic. "The Laokhowa-Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary and the 1st addition to Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary (total 309.20 sq km) has witnessed mother nature's magic with the return of two rhinos to the landscape after a gap of almost 40 years," she said. Until 1983, this protected region, which is a part of "greater" Kaziranga National



Park, had 45-50 rhinos but they were wiped out by the poachers. However, from November last year, they are being sighted again.

Ghosh said post-1983, there was degradation of grassland habitat due to anthropogenic pressure. Stray rhinos from the Orang National Park on the north bank of the Brahmaputra and core area of Kaziranga were known to enter through the river's sandbar areas but they never stayed for long.

She said the two rhinos entered the area through the 2nd Addition of Orang National

Park and the recently restored Arimari. A total of 1,282 hectares of forest land and 817 hectares of unsurveyed government land were cleared during the eviction drive, she said.

The area also has 10 tigers, indicating a good prey base of herbivores. It is also one of the few protected areas in the country which has an excellent habitat of freshwater mangroves. "The government is committed to strengthening the landscape and restoring the lost glory of this historic protected area to ensure habitat connectivity between the rhino range of Orang-Laokhowa-Burachapori-Kaziranga landscapes," Ghosh added.

The rhino is intrinsic to the culture of the Assamese who are passionate about the animal. Protecting the rhinos and clearing Kaziranga, a World Heritage Site, of encroachment was a major election promise of BJP in 2016. According to the rhino census of 2022, Assam has 2,895 rhinos. Kaziranga has 2,613 of them, Orang 125, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary 107.



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Cong crowdfunding collects ₹18 Lakh

In the Congress party's crowdfunding campaign 'Donate for Desh', the Punjab unit of the party currently holds approximately the 14th position, having collected around ₹18.21 lakh from the state until some time ago. The highest contributors are Punjab Congress President Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and former state unit chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, each contributing ₹1.38 to the party's funds. Warring publicly announced his contribution to the media, while Sidhu posted his on X. The top five states contributing the maximum donations are Telangana, Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.



PM flags Amritsar-Delhi train from Ayodhya

PM Narendra Modi remotely flagged off the new Amritsar-Delhi Vande Bharat train from Ayodhya. However, a credit war has marred the event, with both the AAP and the BJP claiming credit for the unexpected stoppage in Jalandhar on the train's schedule. This stop was not originally part of the railway's plan. AAP's lone MP, Sushil Kumar Rinku, asserted that his party deserved credit for the Jalandhar stoppage, as he had raised the issue with Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to add stoppages at Jalandhar Cantonment and Phagwara, which were not initially scheduled.

Mann, Jhakar engaged in dispute over tableau

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jhakar are engaged in a dispute over the rejection of the Punjab tableau in the Republic Day parade. Mann asserted that the state had consistently maintained that the Modi government rejected the tableau due to its anti-Punjab stance. He accused Jhakar of being overly loyal to the Union government and justifying the rejection on false grounds. Mann pointed out that the Ministry of Defence had clarified that there were no pictures in the tableau, exposing Jhakar's falsehoods. He called it unfortunate that the real reason for the rejection was being brushed off.

BNP leader among 8 held for B'desh train arson on poll eve

Demanding UN probe, BNP calls it pre-planned act of sabotage ahead of Sunday's elections

DHAKA

DHAKA police on Saturday arrested eight persons, including a prominent leader of the opposition BNP, for planning and financing Friday's arson attack on a train in Dhaka that left four persons dead, ahead of elections in Bangladesh.

Four carriages of the Benapole Express were set on fire at around 9 pm on Friday at the Gopibagh area.

As Bangladesh beefed up nationwide security vigil ahead of Sunday's general elections, the eight persons arrested include Dhaka south city unit BNP joint convenor

Nabi Ullah Nabi and five activists of Jubo Dal, which is the BNP's youth wing. Also arrested was one of the main suspected perpetrators of the arson attack identified as Kazi Monsoor Alam.

Harun-or-Rashid, Chief of Detective Branch (DB) of police and also the Additional Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), told media persons that Alam coordinated with previously jailed criminals to execute the attack as advised and funded by Nabi Ullah Nabi.

"They orchestrated the attack in a video conference," Rashid said, adding, "At least



People stand near a burning train at Gopibagh in Dhaka on Friday | AP

12-13 Jubo Dal unit leaders including Mansur held a video conference on Thursday around 6.00 pm. They planned arson attacks in Kishorganj-Narsingdi and Narayanganj-Kamalapur routes and crude bomb attacks at various polling centres in different wards." Rashid said Nabi was not present at the video conference but was one of the financiers and advisors.

Demanding a UN-supervised investigation into the incident, the BNP called it a 'pre-planned' act of sabotage ahead of Sunday's general elections.

In a statement, BNP senior Joint Secretary Ruhul Kabir Rizvi expressed concern over the 'heartbreaking' incident of casualties "due to arson by miscreants" on the Benapole Express train. PTI

B'desh main opposition party starts a 48-hour strike

Bangladesh's main opposition party BNP on Saturday started a 48-hour general strike on the eve of a general election, calling on people to boycott vote because it says the govt of incumbent PM Sheikh Hasina can't guarantee its fairness



SEEKING 4TH TERM

Sheikh Hasina is seeking to return to power for a fourth consecutive term. The main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), led by former premier Khaleda Zia, has vowed to disrupt the election through the strike and boycott

RALLIES IN DHAKA

On Saturday morning, a small group of party supporters marched across the Shahbagh neighbourhood in Dhaka, calling on people to join the strike. Another rally by about 200 left-wing protesters took place outside the National Press Club to denounce the election

DEMAND OF RESIGNATION

Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, a BNP senior official, repeated his party's demand for Hasina to resign, calling the election "skewed"

PROMISE OF FAIR ELECTIONS

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal said that the parliamentary election would be free and fair, adding, "We want our election to be observed not only nationally, but internationally as well"

Awal said that had the BNP participated, the election would have been "more competitive" and "more festive." He acknowledged that the recent violence may have a negative impact on voters turning up on Sunday

The Election Commission said ballot boxes and other election supplies had been distributed in preparation for the vote on Sunday in over 42,000 precincts

EXPRESS READ

North Korea again fired artillery shells: S Korea

Seoul: North Korea conducted a new round of artillery drills near the disputed sea boundary with South Korea on Saturday, officials in Seoul said. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement the North fired more than 60 rounds near the western sea boundary on Saturday afternoon. It didn't say whether South Korea would respond with its own drills.

Woman in 90s rescued 5 days after Japan's quake

Wajima: A woman in her 90s was pulled alive from a collapsed house in western Japan on Saturday, 124 hours after a major quake slammed the region. The woman in Suzu city, Ishikawa Prefecture, had survived for more than five days after the 7.6 magnitude earthquake.

Pakistan forms panel to probe May 9 violence

ISLAMABAD

THE Pakistan government has set up a cabinet committee to find out the masterminds, plotters, facilitators, and executioners of the May 9 violent incidents by the followers of jailed ex-PM Imran Khan, media report said on Saturday.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan and hundreds of his party colleagues already face a multitude of cases in connection with incident called a 'criminal conspiracy' by the police. The initiative to form this committee was taken on the directive of the caretaker PM Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, according to Geo News.

The Cabinet Division issued a notification for the establishment of the committee to be headed by Caretaker Law Minister Ahmed Irfan Aslam.

The body would review the incidents of May 9, 2023, including attacks on military installations and it would be bound to submit its report within 14 days. It will also give recommendations for stopping such happenings in the future and review immediate and impacts of May 9 incidents. PTI

Sunak had significant doubts over Rwanda scheme as chancellor: Report

LONDON

RISHI Sunak was not entirely convinced about sending illegal migrants to Rwanda while their asylum claims were assessed during his time as chancellor, a UK media report claimed on Saturday.

Sunak had significant doubts over the policy when he was finance minister in former boss Boris Johnson's Cabinet, BBC report says based on papers it has seen from two years ago.

The documents suggest that Sunak was concerned about the cost of sending asylum seekers to the East African country and wanted to limit the numbers initially.

A source close to Sunak told the BBC, "The Prime Minister was always fully behind the principle of the scheme as a de-



Rishi Sunak, UK PM

terrent. As chancellor, it was his job to make sure it delivered and taxpayers' money was appropriately spent."

Now, the BBC's revelations indicate he was not entirely behind the scheme when it was first mooted. The No. 10 documents were prepared in March 2022 as ex-PM Boris Johnson was trying to persuade Sunak, his chancellor, to sign off on

more funding for the plan, the report claims.

This was shortly before the agreement with the Rwandan government to process migrants in the African country was signed. "They suggest Sunak was concerned about the cost of sending asylum seekers to the African country, and wanted to limit the numbers initially. They say, the chancellor wants to pursue smaller volumes initially, 500 instead of 1,500, in the first year, and 3,000 instead of 5,000 in years two and three," as per BBC.

However, Sunak has stressed that the scheme is a key pillar of his strategy to tackle illegal migration to the UK and will also act as a deterrent to the thousands landing on the country's shores after making treacherous journeys. PTI

Hezbollah fires rockets after Israel kills Hamas deputy

BEIRUT

LEBANON'S Hezbollah militia fired dozens of rockets at northern Israel on Saturday, warning that the barrage was its initial response to the targeted killing, presumably by Israel, of a top leader from the allied Hamas group in Lebanon's capital earlier this week.

The rocket attack came a day after Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said that his group must retaliate for the killing of Saleh Arouri, the deputy political leader of Hamas, in a Hezbollah stronghold south of Beirut. Nasrallah said that if Hezbollah did not strike back, all of Lebanon would be vulnerable to Israeli attack. He appeared to be making his case for a response to the Lebanese public, even at the risk of escalating the fighting between Hezbollah and Israel as the war between Israel and Hamas rages on.

Hezbollah said it launched 62 rockets toward an Israeli air surveillance base on Mount Meron and that it scored direct hits. The group said rockets also struck two army posts near the border. The Israeli military said about 40 rockets were fired toward Meron and that a base was targeted, but made no mention of the base being hit. It said it struck the Hezbollah cell



Palestinian women mourn relatives killed in the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip outside a hospital morgue in Khan Younis on Saturday | AP

that fired the rockets.

Separately, the armed wing of the Islamic Group in Lebanon said it fired two volleys of rockets toward the Israeli city of Kiryat Shmona on Friday night. Two of the group's members were killed in the strike that killed Arouri.

Meanwhile, the Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital in the central city of Deir al-Balah received at least 46 bodies overnight, according to hospital records, seen by The Associated Press.

Many were men who were apparently shot. Fighting has raged between Israeli forces and militants in the area. The dead also included five members of a family killed in an air-

strike, the records showed.

The latest Israeli-dropped leaflets urged Palestinians in some areas near the hospital to evacuate, citing "dangerous fighting."

In the southern city of Khan Younis, the focus of Israel's ground offensive, the local European Hospital received the bodies of 18 people killed in an overnight airstrike on a house in the city's Maan neighbourhood, said Saleh al-Hamms, head of the nursing department at the hospital.

Citing witnesses, he said more than three dozen people had been sheltering in the house, including those displaced. AP

Boeing 737-9 window blows out in mid-air, Alaska grounds fleet

WASHINGTON

AN Alaska Airlines jetliner blew out a window and a portion of its fuselage shortly after takeoff three miles above Oregon, creating a gaping hole that sucked clothing off a child and forced the pilots to make an emergency landing as its 174 passengers and six crew members donned oxygen masks.

No one was seriously hurt as the depressurised plane returned safely on Friday night to Portland International Airport about 20 minutes after it had departed, but the airline grounded its 65 Boeing 737-9 aircraft until they can be inspected. The National Transportation Safety Board said on Saturday it will also investigate.

Alaska Airlines CEO Ben Minicucci said the inspection of the company 737-9 fleet aircraft could take days to complete. They make up a fifth of the company's 314 planes. It wasn't immediately known on Saturday how that would affect the company's flight schedule.

"We are working with Boeing and regulators to understand what occurred ... and will share updates as more information is available," Minicucci said. "My heart goes out to those who were on this flight—I am so sorry for what you experienced." The Port of Portland, which

BOEING'S STRUGGLE

Boeing has struggled in recent years with technical issues related to its 737 MAX models. In Dec, the US aviation giant told airlines that MAX aircraft should be inspected to check for loose hardware on plane rudder control systems after an international operator discovered a bolt with a missing nut while performing routine maintenance. Boeing's 737 MAX planes were grounded following two MAX 8 crashes in 2018-2019 that killed 346 people

operates the airport, told KPTV that the fire department treated minor injuries at the scene. One person was taken for more treatment, but wasn't seriously hurt. Flight 1282 had taken off from Portland at 5.07 pm on Friday for a two-hour flight to Ontario, California.

About six minutes later, the window and a chunk of the fuselage blew out as the plane was at about 4.8 kilometres. One of the pilots declared

an emergency and asked for clearance to descend to 3 kilometres, altitude where the air would have enough oxygen to breathe safely.

Videos posted online by passengers on the flight showed a gaping hole where the window had been and passengers wearing their masks. The passengers applauded when the plane landed safely about 11 minutes after the window blew out. AP

UAE ADMITS MASS TRIAL OF PRISONERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DURING COP28

DUBAI

THE UAE on Saturday acknowledged it is conducting a mass trial of 84 inmates previously reported by dissidents as it hosted the UN COP28 climate talks. WAM quoted the country's attorney general, Hamad al-Shamsi, as saying

the 84 defendants face charges of "establishing another secret organisation for the purpose of committing acts of violence and terrorism on state territory."

The statement did not name the suspects, though it described "most" of those held as members of the Muslim Brother-

hood, a pan-Arab Islamist group long targeted in the UAE as a threat to its hereditary rulers. Hamad al-Shamsi said all the accused had a lawyer assigned to them and that after nearly six months of research, prosecutors referred the accused to trial. The statement said trial was still going on.

ASIA MATTERS

CUTTING DOWN GENS IN DEFENCE MINISTRY

The number of generals at Thailand's Defence Ministry will be reduced to half within three years, said Sutin Klungsang, Defence Minister. He said there are more than 700 military generals who do not hold key positions at the ministry but serve as specialists. That number will be reduced by 50% or 380 by 2027, Bangkok post reported

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, my client **SRI. ANJAN KUMAR. N.** S/o. Sri. Narayanaswamy M. aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 238, 8th Cross, Winnfield Garden, Dr. S.R.K. Nagar, Bangalore-560077 intend to purchase the below shown Schedule Property under a Registered Sale Deed from **Sri. D. M. ASHUTOSHAN, S/o. D. Shivaprasad,** aged about 67 years, Residing at Mallanahalli, Bandi Kodigehalli, Bangalore-562149.

If anybody has got any share, right, title, interest & claim over the Schedule Property either in part or full, may kindly contact the under signed with relevant documents within 7 days failing which my client will proceed for further transaction.

SCHEDULE
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of an immovable agriculture landed property to the extent of 0.02.08.00 Guntas of Sy No. 77/10 (Old No. 77/6), Katha No. 195 situated at B K HALLI AMANKERRE VILLAGE, Jala 3 Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, which is bounded on: East by: Land belonging to Sri. K. Krishnappa, West by: Land belonging to Sri. Nanjappa, North by: Land belonging to Sri. Nanjundappa, South by: Land belonging to Sri. Venkatesh Reddy

PRASAD. D. KAGWAD, Advocate No. 18, Above HDFC ATM, Kodigehalli Main Road, Sanjeevinagar, Sahakarapur Post, Bangalore-92. Mob: 9739627478, Date:06-01-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is desirous of entering into a transaction with respect to the property mentioned and described in the schedule with (1) **Mrs. Hannah Kurian,** daughter of Mr. K. Kurian, (2) **Mrs. Maya Katakam Kurian,** daughter of Mr. K. Kurian, (3) **Mrs. Elizabeth John,** wife of Mr. John Kurian and (4) **Mr. Nithin Joseph John,** son of Mr. John Kurian ("Owners"). The Owners represent that they have good marketable, right, title and interest to the Schedule Property and that apart from them there are no other person's having any right or claim over the Schedule Property and they have not entered any Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding etc. The Owners further represent that they have not mortgaged, created any lien or encumbered the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner, to any person's. Any person's having objection/s or claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transactions.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No. 278/192/1/21 (old Katha Nos.305/192/2/21 and 278/192/1/22, earlier property bearing Site Nos. 21 and 22, formed out of Survey No.3), layout known as "Whistling Greens", situated at Challeghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk (earlier Bengaluru South Taluk), Bengaluru, measuring in total 14,865 square feet is bounded on the:

East by : Road
West by : Private Property;
North by : Road and;
South by : Property bearing Site No. 20.
Jayanth M Pattanshetti, Advocate,
Jayanth Pattanshetti Associates LLP, 102, Ground Floor, "Rams Infantry Manor", No. 70, Infantry Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Ph: 41238367/41239516

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients (1) **Sri. V. Lakshmana Reddy,** S/o. Sri. Veera Reddy, Residing at : No.666, 8th Main, H.S.R Layout, 7th Sector,Bangalore-560 034, (2) **Sri. H.C. Amaranth,** S/o Late H.C.Kashipathi, Residing at: No.10 "Arathi", 4th Cross, Shankarmat Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 040, (3) **Sri. D. Shivaprasad,** S/o Sri. Daddiah, Residing at : Near Railway Station, Tipur, (4) **Smt. Vidya Amamath,** W/o Sri. H.C. Amaranth, Residing at : No.10 "Arathi", 4th Cross, Shankarmat Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 040 and (5) **Smt. V. Pushpa,** W/o Sri. M. Dhanraj, Residing at : Near Balaji Nursing Home, Palmnour Town 5 Taluk, Chittur District, Now at Bangalore are joint owners of the schedule property have entered into an Agreement of Sale with you in respect of the schedule property on 27/01/2021. On the date of the agreement we have received advance sale consideration of advance of Rs.1,80,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakhs Only) through cheques and agreed to execute the sale deed as per the terms of the Agreement on or before 27/01/2021. Since you have failed to perform your part of the contract and not make payment of balance consideration within period as on 27/01/2021, you were not ready and willing to perform execution of Sale deed as per the contract. Finally our client issued a legal notice on 30/08/2023 calling upon you to cancel/rescind the Sale Agreement with immediate effect and our client are ready and willing to refund the amount as per the contract and the said notice has been duly served to you. You have not responded to the same on the aforesaid notice issued by our client. Hence, our client once again hereby calls upon you and is giving this Public Notice for cancellation of the aforesaid sale agreement dated 27/01/2021. And also calling upon you to take your advance amount as per the said contract. Since you have not responded and not come forward after receiving after receipt of our client's notice dated 30/08/2023, finally our client is issuing this Public Notice.

In this regard our client intends to enter into an agreement in respect of the schedule property. you have got any claim or objection over the schedule property may file his/her objection in person or in writing along with necessary documents in support of his/her claim or objection within seven days from the date of this notice. Objections received after seven days will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the immovable Land measuring 0-5 Guntas in Survey No.31/4, 0-20 Guntas in Survey No.28/2C, 0-11 Guntas in Survey No.27, 0-21 Guntas in Survey No.28/2B and 0-20 Guntas in Survey No.31/3, admeasuring 77 Guntas i.e., 1 Acre 37 Guntas, Situated at Hoskote Village and Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, duly converted for residential purpose vide Order No.ALH (H) SR 42003-04 dated 05-05-2003 and Order No.ALH (H) SR 6/2003-04 dated 22-08-2003, of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property,
West by : Pond,
North by : Property of Sri. H.M.Yellappa,
South by : Road

MAHESHAJI, Advocate, No.322, 2nd Floor, K.S.Buliding 2nd Main, Gandhinagar, BANGALURU - 560 009

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Department of Water Resources, Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Minor Irrigation Circle, Balangir, Women's college chhowk, Palace Line, Balangir, 767001., E-Mail: a.cemcibalangir2023@gmail.com/
ODISHA INTEGRATED IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE (WORLD BANK PROJECT ID: P163533)
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) E-Procurement Notice
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL WORKS
RFB No.: OIPCR-A-W2-BGR-2/2023-24 date: 03.01.2024

A-1146

Name of the work	Civil Construction in Minor Irrigation Projects
Total No. of work	02 (Two) Nos.
Estimate Cost of Work(s)	Varies approximately from Rs.195.90 lakhs to Rs.699.07 lakh (Total estimated cost for the 02Nos. of works Rs.894.97 Lakhs)
Cost of Bid Document	Free of cost
Time for completion	Refer to DTCN
Availability of Bid documents	From Dt. 12.01.2024 at 11.00Hrs to Dt. 13.02.2024 upto 15.00Hrs through online
PP Date of Pre-Bid meeting	Dt. 20.01.2024 From 11.30 Hrs to 13.00 Hrs
Period for receipt of bid/s	From Dt. 12.01.2024 at 10.00Hrs to Dt. 13.02.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs
Payment of Bid cost / Bid security	Shall be paid online through the e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha
Date of opening of the bid	On Dated 13.02.2024 at 15.30 Hrs
Details about the tender	Available in website www.ododisha.gov.in and www.tendersodisha.gov.in
Name/Address of the O/T	Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir M.I Circle, Balangir, Women's college chowk, Palace Line, Dist: Balangir, Pin 767001.

Sd/- (Kalindi Charan Sethi) Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Minor Irrigation Circle, Balangir

OIPR-32347/1/1/001/2324

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **SMT. K. GUNAPRIYA**, is the absolute owner of site No.36, in physical possession more fully described in the schedule hereunder. Our client **SMT. K. GUNAPRIYA**, represented that, while taking Xerox have been misplaced Original Sale Deed dated: 08-12-2004, which was registered as Document No.KEN-1-33243 of 2004-2005, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru, pertaining to the schedule property. Hence our client has lodged complaint on: 04-01-2024 intimating the loss of original Sale Deed. Any person finding the said original may please to hand over the same either to the undersigned or to the owner, if any person claiming any rights, title or interest based on the said deed should write the undersigned within 15 days of this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the peace and parcel of the site No.96, Mallasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk - 560 059, now under BBMP, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru city, measuring East to West: 50 feet and North to South 30 + 30-6/2 in all measuring 1515 square feet and bounded on: East by: Site No.97, West by: Road, North by: Site No.95, South by: Universal Training College property.

YOGESHA .B POJAJARI, Advocate
 No.92, B/w 7th & 8th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Chamaraipete, Bengaluru-560018.
 Date: 06-01-2024

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NOTICE
BOOKING OF "Centenary Year of Kaivalyadhama" Commemorative Coin Set.

India Government Mint, Mumbai (A Unit of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd.) is pleased to notify booking of commemorative coin sets in Proof and Uncirculated varieties of following themes.

Theme	Proof (Rs.)	UNC (Rs.)
Centenary Year of Kaivalyadhama (Denomination of ₹100) - Folder Packing	4130.00	3570.00
Centenary Year of Kaivalyadhama (Denomination of ₹100) - Wooden Packing	4585.00	NA

The booking period will be from 07.01.2024 the coin sets can be booked online on our website <https://www.indiagovtmint.in> Alternatively, the coin sets can be ordered offline by submitting an order form available on our website or visit our store at Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400001. For other detailed terms and conditions and online booking please visit customer corner section of our web site: <https://www.indiagovtmint.in>

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 (CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:903/SEE/TR(W&M)/CIVIL/23-24/CYS-44 Date:06.01.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites bids for **Capital Civil engineering works** coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.

The detailed notification regarding the works can be obtain from the office of the undersigned & from the Office Notice Board.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidhyuth Nagar, Karavara Road, Hubballi-580024

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna-766001
E-Mail-ID-sevic2012@gmail.com / Phone No. 06670-230763
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e - Procurement Notice No. ADDLCE, WIC - 02/2023-24
PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

A-1140

1. The Additional Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna, Dist-Kalahandi, Pin-766001, (Odisha) on behalf of governor of Odisha invites "PERCENTAGE RATE Bids" IN DOUBLE COVER SYSTEM, in electronic tendering system for the construction works detailed in the table below.

2. Package No

ADDLCE, WIC/KID/01/2023-24 to ADDLCE, WIC/KID/03/2023-24
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Types of Work	03, (Three) Nos, Flood Protection Works under Pipeline Scheme.
Approximate value of work	Varies from Rs.348.19 to Rs.385.93 Lakhs (Excluding GST)
Period of Completion	11, (Eleven) calendar Months.
Classification of Bidder	'A' class Contractor only
Tender documents available on website.	Can be downloaded from Website (http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
Bid documents available Date and Time.	12.01.2024 at 11.00Hrs
Bid clarification start date & Closing date.	12.01.2024 to 19.01.2024 during office hours
On Line Bid submission closing date and time.	29.01.2024 at 17.00 Hrs
Date, Time and Venue of opening of bid online.	30.01.2024 at 11.00Hrs office of the Addl Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna.
Date / Time of Opening of Financial Bid	To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid.

Further details can be seen from Govt. website. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation to the above notice will be published in the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in, in only.

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna

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4th Floor, Vijaya Tower, 41/2, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001, Ph: 080- 25584066/368/520, 9986695637, 9844142456 & 9603504553, E-mail: SARBEN@Bankofbaroda.com, recovery.blrnorth@Bankofbaroda.co.in, Website: www.bankofbaroda.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:-

SR/ LOT NO.	NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S/GUARANTOR/S	GIVE SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY	TOTAL DUES	DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION	RESERVE PRICE, EMD AND BID INCREASE AMOUNT	STATUS OF POSSESSION (CONSTRUCTIVE/ PHYSICAL)	PROPERTY INSPECTION DATE & TIME
1	(1) Mrs. Indu Narayanappa, No.191, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Near Post Office, Vivekanagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560047 (2) Mr. Srinath. N., No.191, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Near Post Office, Vivekanagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560047 Branch : Cox Town	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing HAL Sanitary Board House No.97, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP having New Municipal No.2426/1, PID No.74-138-2426/1, measuring East to West 22 Feet, North to South 62 Feet, totally measuring 1364 Square Feet, situated at 16th 'A' Main Road, 2nd 'E' Cross, Kodihalli, HAL 2nd Stage, BBMP Ward No.74, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru, and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Property No.2426, North by: 16th A Main Road, South by: Remaining Vacant portion of same property and thereafter property bearing No.2431/1.	Rs. 1,15,30,800.48 (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakhs Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred and Paise Forty Eight Only) Upto as on 18.12.2023 Plus further interest and other charges	30.01.2024 and From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs.1,59,75,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs.15,97,500/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs.1,00,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 29/01/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
2	(1) Mr Ritesh J Shetty (Proprietor) (2) Mr K Jaganath Shetty (Guarantor) (3) Mrs. Jayanthi J Shetty (Guarantor) (4) M/s Heramba Refreshments No. 1, 2, 3 are residing at No 304, Ashram View Endave K S Gardens Ulsoor, Bangalore - 560008 Branch: Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru	All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment/flat, No 304, 3rd floor, 'Sri Ashram View Endave', Kulumbe Siddanna Garden,(Murphy Town) ward No 82, Hoysalanagar, Halasuru, Bangalore 560008 and Schedule A property bounded on: East by: Swamy Vivekananda Ashrama Property, West by: 25 ft road leading to main road, property No 15/78 private property, North by : Private property, South by : Private property.	Rs. 47,98,212.37 (Rupees Forty seven Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twelve & Paisea Thirty Seven Only) as on 29.12.2023 plus further interest and other charges. .	22.02.2024 between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 48,00,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 4,80,000/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs. 25,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 20/02/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
3	(1) Mrs. Padmavathi R W/o Mr C Sreekanth (2) Mr C Sreekanth S/o Mr.Chandrappa Both 1 & 2 Resides at No.1346, 1st floor, 6th Cross, 10th main, 3rd stage, BEML Layout, Rajeshwaringar, Bengaluru-560098 Branch : Yelahanka Old Town	SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy nos 30.31,832, measuring 13 Acre 01 Guntas, situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Within the revenue Jurisdiction of BMRDA, Bangalore in the project called as "La-Ville Township" and bounded on: East by: Survey no. 28 and 29, West by: Survey no 47, North by: Survey no 142 and 145, South by: Survey no. 117. SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the residential plot bearing No.79, having E Khatha No.15020010270422557 No.248/79 bearing residential plot measuring East to West 12.190 mtrs North to South 9.140mtrs, in all measuring 111.42 sq.mtrs in the schedule A property situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No.97, North by : Site No.80, South by : Site No.78.	Rs. 34,99,390.63 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety & Paisea Sixty Three Only) as on 29-12-2023 plus Further interest and other charges.	30.01.2024 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 27,50,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 2,75,000/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs. 25,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 29/01/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
4	(1) M/s System infotech (2) Mr. N. Srinivasan (3) Mrs. Latha Srinivasan Both above 2 & 3 Residing at 125, 3rd cross, Near Vasan Eye Care, 7th Main, Nagarbhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560072. Branch: Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru	All that piece and parcel of the residential converted Site No.102, formed in Sy.no.112/A (duly converted Order No.ALN(M)SR/34/2008-09., dated : 17/09/2009, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara, the layout plan duly approved by the Nelamangala Planning Authority vide plan approval Ref.No.BMRDA/NPA/LAO/05/2011-12, on 26/08/2011 and remaining 40% of site released vide No.NPA/LAO/05/2011-12 on 10/12/2012) measuring East to West : 30.48 meters or 100feet and North to South :15.24meters or 50feet in all measuring 5000sq.ft., situated at Sri Sai Krishna Villas, Yennigere Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, having Khatha No.278/102 and PID/RDPR No.15290030080080883, and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No.123, North by : Site No.101, South by : Site No.103.	Rs. 2,74,97,564.34 (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Four Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four & Paisea Thirty Four Only) as on 29-12-2023 plus Further interest and other charges	30.01.2024 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 32,30,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs.3,23,000/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs.25,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 29/01/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
5	(1) Mr. Vijaya Kumar H S/o Late Hanumanthappa (2) Mrs. Y Manjula W/o Mr. Vijaya Kumar H Both 1 & 2 are residing at No 1288, 10th Main, Vijaya Nagar, Bangalore-560040 Branch: Vijayanagar Hosahalli, Bengaluru	All that piece and parcel of the residential Building of property ID no 35-3-517-26B, S A S no 136.Sy No 36/3, Behind J.K Petrol Bunk, Cross Road, H N Pura Road, K Hosakoppalu, Bommanayakanahalli Extension, Ward no 35, Hassan and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property of Putta Swamy, North by : Property of Doddappa Gowda, South by : Property of Putta Swamy.	Rs. 32,87,816.29 (Rupees Thirty two Lakhs Eighty seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen & Paisea Twenty Nine Only) as on 29-12-2023 plus Further interest and other charges.	22.02.2024 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 1,38,00,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs.13,80,000/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs.50,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 20/02/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
6	(1) Sri. Sawan S/o. Sri. Y.V. Anjaneyalu Flat No.117, 1st Floor, Vivek's Sanskaar, Apartments, Belathuru, Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560067 And also at: No.631, 3rd Main Road, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru-560086 (2) Smt. Shwetha Javalekar.K Flat No.117, 1st Floor, Vivek's Sanskaar, Apartments, Belathuru, Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560067 And also at: No.631, 3rd Main Road, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru-560086 Branch: West of Chord Road	Schedule "A" Property : All that Piece and parcel of the Residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 72/1, measuring 17 Guntas and portion of Survey No.72/2, 16 Guntas, totally measuring 33 Guntas, presently assigned amalgamated/Clibbed Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Khatha SI.No.1142, Old Survey No.72/1, Municipal No.1142 converted from agriculture to non-agriculture residential purpose vide order dated 21.06.2013 by official memorandum bearing No.ALN(EBK)SR.110/2012-13, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Belathur Main Road, Whitefield, Belathur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560067 and bounded: On the East by: Land bearing Survey No.73 and 80, On the West by: Boundary of Kumbena Agrahara, On the North by: Land bearing Survey Nos.81 and 80, On the South by: Road. Schedule "B" Property : 418 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule "C" Property : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.117 on the First Floor in the Residential building called as "VIVEK'S SANSKAAAR" having a super built up area measuring 1,095 Square Feet, constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property together with One Covered Car Parking Space.	Rs. 49,58,718.90/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and Ninety Paise Only) as on 30-11-2023 Plus further interest and other charges from 01-12-2023	30.01.2024 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 38,50,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 3,85,000/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs.25,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 29/01/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
7	(1) Smt. Shylaja K V W/o. Narasimhaiah,M, No.49, 2nd Cross, Bloom Field Garden, Ramachandrapura, Vidyanayapura, Bangalore-560097 (2) Sri. Narasimhaiah,M S/o. Late Muniyappa, No.49, 2nd Cross, Bloom Field Garden, Ramachandrapura, Vidyanayapura, Bangalore-560097 Branch: Peenya 2nd Stage	Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Corporation No.15, 15/1, 16 and 16/1, presently after amalgamation Corporation Municipal No.15, BBMP PID No.1-39-15, situated at SR Road, Jalahalli West Bangalore formed in Survey No.14, New 14/2 of Peenya Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.1, presently comes under the limits of Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, totally measuring 4,544 Square Feet out of entire Land measuring 22,993 Square Feet and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by: Road, South by: Road and Private Property. Schedule "B" Property : 394 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the schedule 'A' property. Schedule "C" Property : All the piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing Flat No. C-6, in the 1st Floor, in the "C" Block, in the building known as "Global Aura Project", having Super Built Up Area measuring 2,000 Square Feet, constructed on Schedule 'A' property with right to pass through the area leading to the main road and free egress and ingress and entitled for all the common areas and amenities with covered Car parking.	Rs. 1,32,34,872.06/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Two and Six Paise Only) as on 18-12-2023 Plus further, interest and other, charges from 18.12.2023	30.01.2024 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 91,50,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 9,15,000/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs.50,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 29/01/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
8	(1) M/s H A Traders rep. by its Prop. Mrs. Anusha T N No.3, 1st Cross, Shirdi Sai Ratan Layout, RK Hegde Nagar, Rachenahalli, Bengaluru - 560077. (2) Mrs. Anusha T N (3) Mr. Sunil Kumar R Both 2 and 3 resides at No.1666, 6th Cross, MCECHS Layout, Phase II, Jakkur, Bangalore - 560064 Also at: Site No-29, Ward No-3, Narayanappa Layout, Rosypura Village, Nandhillis Road, Doddaballapura, Bangalore -561203 Branch: MSRT Branch	1) All that piece and parcel of the Site No.48, Khatha No.2395/48, East to West 12.19mts, North to South 9.14mts, Herebedanur Village & Hobli Gowredanur Taluk, Chikkabagalpura District & bounded on East by : 9mts Road, West by : Site No.53, North by : Land, South by : Site No.49. 2) All that piece and parcel of the Site No.107, Khatha No.2395/107, East to West 9.14mts, North to South 9.45mts, Herebedanur Village & Hobli Gowredanur Taluk, Chikkabagalpura District & bounded on: East by : Site No.106, West by: Site No.108, North by : Land, South by : 9mts Road. 3) All that piece and parcel of the Site No.53, Khatha No.2395/53, East to West 10.36mts, North to South 9.75mts, Herebedanur Village & Hobli Gowredanur Taluk, Chikkabagalpura District & bounded on : East by : Site No.48, West by : 9mts Road, North by : Land, South by : Site No.52.	Rs. 82,06,990.76 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety & Paisea Seventy Six Only) as on 18-12-2023 Plus Further interest and other charges.	30.01.2024 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 29/01/2024	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 11,40,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs.1,14,000/- BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs.25,000/- Reserve Price: Rs. 9,03,000/- EMD: Rs.90,300/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 25,000/- Reserve Price: Rs.10,45,000/- EMD: Rs.1,04,500/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 25,000/-	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
9	(1) M/s Rajalakshmi Steel & Cement Corporation, Rep by its proprietor Mrs. Asha K N (Borrower) Address at: #24, 1st Main, MEI Layout, Opp. Vijayashree School, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru- 560073 (2) Mrs. Asha K N (Guarantor) (3) Mr. Monish Kumar S/o B Shankar (Guarantor) Both above 2 & 3 are Rio C101, Subaiah Cypress Apartments, 1st Floor, Opp. to Kuvempu Degree College, Mallasandra, Bangalore- 560057 Branch: Jalahalli, Bengaluru	1) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 667/A1, (in converted Sy. No. 10/2), Soundarya Nagara, Sidedahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 14, Sidedahalli, Bangalore- 560090 measuring East to West: 55 feet; North to South: 30 feet; totally measuring 1650 sq. ft. and bounded by: East by: Road; West by: Site No. 667/A3; North by: Private Property; South by: Remaining Portion of site no. 667/A1. 2) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 667/A, (in converted Sy. No. 10/2), Soundarya Nagara, Sidedahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 14, Sidedahalli, Bangalore- 560090 measuring East to West: 55 feet; North to South: (33+44)/2 feet; totally measuring 2117.50 sq. ft. and bounded by: East by : Road; West by: Site No. 667/A3 and 667/A4; North by: Remaining Portion of site no. 667/A1; South by: Private Property.	Rs. 2,02,77,456.01 (Rupees Two Crore Two Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Six & Paisea One Only) as on 30.11.2023 plus Further interest and other charges.	30.01.2024 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 1,52,00,000/- EMD: Rs. 15,20,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 1,00,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 29/01/2024	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Mobile No.'s. +91 9986695637.

Date: 05.01.2024, Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

STATE BANK OF INDIA
 Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
 Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Phone: 080- 25943678, 25943663, Fax : (080) 25943762 Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. TL 62342627577, CC 62341763145, TL 62337608164

WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J C Road, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 11.09.2023 and the said notice is also published in "The New Indian Express" and "Kannada prabha" dated 05.10.2023 calling upon the Borrower **Sri.Pavan Kumar.C S/o Sri. R. Chandrashekar Prop: M/s Venkateshwara Concrete Blocks and the Guarantors Sri.R.Chandrashekar S/o Late Ramaiah Naidu** under loan accounts TL 62342627577, CC 62341763145 and to borrowers **Sri. R. Chandrashekar S/o. Late Ramaiah Naidu & Sri.Pavan Kumar.C S/o Sri. R. Chandrashekar** under Loan account TL 62337608164 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.74,77,117/-** (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Only) as on 10.09.2023 with future interest at contractual rate from 11.09.2023 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagor/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagor/ Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **05.01.2024**.

The Borrowers/Mortgagor/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.77,73,554/-** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four Only) as on 27.12.2023 and further interest at contractual rate from 28.12.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. thereon.

The Borrowers/Mortgagor's/Guarantors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Houselist No.31, Katha No.329/392/2, situated at Nainappa Shetty Palya Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, as per Katha Certificate dated 21.03.2014, Municipal No. New 31, 8th Main Road, BBMP Ward No.65, BTM Layout, Rasthrakavi Kuvempu Nagar, Bengaluru, postal address being No.56, 8th Main Road, Nainappa Shetty Palya, BTM Layout, Bengaluru - 560076, PID No.65-130-31 and measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 40 feet, with building thereon standing in the name of Sri.R.Chandrashekar S/o Late Ramaiah Naidu and bounded on: East by : Krishna Raju's Property, West by: Road, North by: Passage, South by: Property No.30.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
 State Bank of India,
 Place: Bengaluru
 Date: 05.01.2024
 Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TEXTILES: BOUDH
 At/PO/Dist- Boudh, Odisha-762014, E-mail: adtboudh@gmail.com, Ph no.06841-296260

Letter No.62 Date.06.01.2024

QUOTATION CALL NOTICE FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

PP-78: Sealed quotations are invited from the registered suppliers/ manufacturers/dealers/firms having valid PAN and GSTIN registration with up to date income Tax & GST Clearance certificate for supply of tool-kits for Dyeing Training and Tie & Dye making and Weaving.Training Programme for the weavers of Boudh Textiles Zone under Capacity Building component of Promotion of Handloom Industries for the year 23-24.

Interested suppliers may quote their lowest rate with detailed specification (material to be used/size/specification/brand etc) in the enclosed proforma along with the copy of Registration Certificate, Income Tax Clearance Certificate, GST Registration and proof of execution of such orders earlier (if any), mentioning "Quotation for Capacity Building" on the top of the sealed envelope along with all documents and send it to the undersigned by 5.00 P.M of Dt.30.01.2024 through Registered/Speed Post only. The quotation received either in incomplete form or after the due date & time will not be considered and treated as rejected.

For more details, terms & condition etc for supply of the items, please visit the official web site of SADH.A.C, Bhubaneswar-www.sadhacodisha.org, Boudh District administration- www.boudh.nic.in and may contact the Assistant Director of Textiles, Boudh in the above listed address, email & phone number.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all the quotations without assigning any reason thereof

Sd/-
 I/C Assistant Director of Textiles, Boudh

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TEXTILES: BOUDH
 At/PO/Dist- Boudh, Odisha-762014, E-mail: adtboudh@gmail.com, Ph no.06841-296260

Letter No.66 Date.06.01.2024

QUOTATION CALL NOTICE FOR TECHNOLOGY INTERVENTION

Sealed quotations are invited from the registered suppliers/manu- facturers/dealers/firms having valid PAN and GSTIN registration with up to date income Tax & GST Clearance certificate for supply of different Handloom Items like Frame-loom, Weaving accessories, Dobby and Jacquard for the weavers of Boudh Textiles Zone under Technology Intervention/ components of Promotion of Handloom Industries for the year 2023-24.

Interested suppliers may quote their lowest rate with detailed specification (material to be used/size/spec

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that Original Registered SALE DEED dated:29.10.2004, executed by Sri. Balaji House Building Co- Society Ltd. in favour of Sri. C. Nagaraju & M.Srinivasa, duly registered as Documents No.KNG-28296/2004-05, Book No.1, in the office of Sub-Registrar Kengeri, Bangalore and And another Original deed/ "RELEASE DEED" dated 19.05.2005 executed by Sri. C. Nagaraju in favour of M.Srinivasa, and said "RELEASE DEED" was duly registered as Documents No.KNG-5378/2005-06. Book No.1, in the office of Sub-Registrar Kengeri, Bangalore. pertaining to the residential vacant site bearing No. 158-B (one Hundred and fifty Eight B) in the Layout Plan Approved by the Bangalore Development Authority Vide No.BDA NOC 2572-97-98 in Various Survey Numbers of Vajarahalli Village, uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in Survey No's 63/2, 63/3, 63/4,64,65/2,65/5,67,68/1,69/2,69/3, 74,75/1, 76,78/1,78/2, 78/3,78/4,78/6, 79/1,81, 82,84/3, 88, 89/1 named as "DWARAKA NAGAR" Bangalore measuring East to West 24 feet, North to South 46 +45 feet total area 1092 Sq feet or 121.33 Square Yards together with all the rights and boundaries E- Site No.158-A, W-Site No.158-C, N- Private property, S- Road. Has been lost and irreviably misplaced. Bank has lodged complaint before the Karnataka State Police, on 04.01.2024 and same was registered as complaint Lost Report No. 0875980/2024. Any person(s) who is/are in possession of the original of the said sale deed pertaining to the aforesaid property may kindly return the same to our bank at the below mentioned address at the earliest.

Chief Manager, State Bank of India, J.P. Nagar Branch, 6th Phase, Bangalore , Mob: 9886569702

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer (Commercial &Tariff), Vidyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
Inviting short term tender through DEEP portal as per MoP guidelines, for meeting the power deficit from 01.04.2024 to 31.05.2024. Last Date-16.01.2024, 02.00pm, Visit www.kseb.in

Office of the Chief Engineer, Transmission (North), Vidyuthi Bhavanam, Kozhikode
E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_635253_1, PAC-Rs.3,86,07,612/-, Last date: 20.01.2024, 04.00pm
Office of the Chief Engineer, (Generation), Generation Wing, Moolamattom, idukki
E-Tender ID: 2023_KSEB_635041_1, PAC-Rs.16,02,15,00/-, Last date: 19.01.2024, 11.00am

Office of the Chief Engineer (Civil-Dam Safety &DRIP), Pallom, Kottayam
(1) E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_637759_1, PAC - Rs.2.72Crore, Last date: 08.02.2024, 12.00 am (2) E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_637621_1, PAC - Rs. 1.28 Crore, Last date: 07.02.2024, 12.00 am

Office of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Mavelikkara, Alappuzha
E-Tender ID: 2023_KSEB_636741_1, PAC-Rs.2,11,41,591/-, Last date: 20.01.2024, 05.00pm
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in -Ref. PR/MC/I/E445/ E-Tender/2023

DAVANGERE UNIVERSITY

Vishwavidyanilaya Karyalaya, Shivangotri, Davangere-577007.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (3rd call)

E-Tenders are invited from eligible reputed experienced manufacturers/authorized dealers for supply, fabricating and installation of modular lab at Physics and Chemistry lab in Davangere University. (Tender number: DU/2023-24/IND0008). Approximate Tender amount Rs.120.00 lakhs The tenderers should submit filled in applications through e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in before 18-01-2024 by 5:00 pm. For details contact Phone No. 08192-208029.

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TELANGANA STATE BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION VIDYA BHAVAN, NAMPALLY, HYDERABAD.

SHORT Re e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Lr. Rc. No.02/PRO/e-Tender Notification-3/2023-24 Date: 06.01.2024 The Secretary, Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education, Hyderabad desires to select a Printing Agency, Scanning Agency, Manufacturing and Supply Agency for TSBE works - Short Re e-Tender(s) call notice to float in e-procurement portal as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Short Re e-Tender File Rc. No. [E-tender No. allotted]	Particulars
1	E-Tender ID: 489616. Tender No.29/01/TS/2023-24	Printing of Camp material, Hand Book of Instructors, Scheme of Valuation for the year 2023-24.
2	E-Tender ID: 489608. Tender No.52/01/TS/2023-24	Supply of Stationery Items & Computer Peripherals for the year 2023-24.
3	E-Tender ID: 489618. Tender No.52/GNB/T S/01/2023-24	Supply of HDPE Bags (Size 26" x 41", Weight - 120 Gms with KESARI COLOUR) for the year 2023-24.
4	E-Tender ID: 489613. Tender No.52/Admn-I/TS/2023-24	Supply of Covers for the year 2023-24.
5	E-Tender ID: 489620. Tender No.08/Exams-4/2023-24	Printing and supply of Pass Certificates (for General & Vocational streams) for IPE March 2024 & IPASE May/June 2024.
6	E-Tender ID: 489624. Tender No.28/Exams-4/2023-24	Printing and supply of Computer stationery with variable data (for General & Vocational streams) for IPE March 2024 & IPASE May/June 2024.

Date of commencement of Re e-Tender(s): 08-01-2024 At 11:00 A.M. Date of Pre-bid conference: 10-01-2024 At 11:30 A.M. Last date for submission of Bids: 12-01-2024 At 3:00 P.M. The interested Bidders may participate for the above mentioned Short Re-Tender(s) through e-procurement portal https://tender.telangana.gov.in. DIPR R.O. No.9240/PP/L/Adv/I/1/2023-24, Dt:06/01/2024 Sd/- Secretary, TSBE



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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2. The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower have defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated reminders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mentioned date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.3 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/c's to realize the amounts due to them.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description Of The Property
1	Mr. K N Surya Prakash Ms. Deepa N Rao Loan A/C No. 411600006173 411600008723	15/11/2023	Rs.4990653.00 (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Three Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.33, Khata/Assement No.1224/1080/33, PID No.20-2-519-47, formed converted sy.No.33, situated at Brahmenara Bhadavane, Sopeena Beedi, Ward No.20, Kowser Naagr, Vakkaligara Hostel Area, Chikkaballapur, measuring East to West: 9.144018 meter andNorth to South: 12.192024 meter in all measuring 111.4836 Square meter and bounded on: East by: Site No.34,West by: Road,North by: Road,South by: Site No.36.
2	Mr. S Vinodh Kannan Loan A/c No. 16063000293 410100006186	24/11/2023	Rs.3042500.00 (Rupees Thirty lakh forty two thousand five hundred only)	SCHEDULE FLAT : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being Flat No. E – 3, on the Second Floor, Block II of the building known as BSR SPELENDOUR PARK, being constructed on the property bearing No.108/1, situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP, being Khata No. 640, consisting of hall cum dining room, two bed roos, kitchen, bathrooms and toilets, balconies etc., along with common area and facilities attributable thereto, with a super built up area of 1043 sft. And one car parking lot in the basement, together with 365/47916 share of undivided interest in the land equivalent to 365 sft and the composite property is bounded by: On the East : ITI Road and Peddanna's Land, On the West: Muthanallur Thimmaiah's Land, On the North: Nagamma and Akkamma's Land in the same Sy.No, On the South: Ramaiah Reddy's Land. The Flat is of RCC roofing, mosaic flooring with jungle wood doors and steel windows.
3	Mr. Gangadhara Loan A/C No. 412000002646	27/11/2023	Rs.5390797.00 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : All that piece, part and parcel of the immovable residential property being a vacant corner site bearing No. 48 (Forty Eight), carved out of (i)Converted Sy.No. 14/5 measuring 0-10 Guntas (duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide Conversion Order bearing No. B.DIS.AL.N.SR(S)40/1994-95 dated 27/08/1994 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and (ii) Converted Sy No. 13/8 measuring 0-10 Guntas (duly converted from agricultural to non –agricultural residential purposes vide Conversion order bearing No. B. DIS.AL.N.SR(S)37/1994-95 dated 10/08/1994 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at GOTTIGERE VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 194, Gottigere, together with all rights, appurtenances, what so ever whether underneath or above the surface. Measuring: East to West : 30-0 (Thirty) Feet North to South : 40-0 (Forty) Feet Totally measuring : 1200 Square Feet And bounded on the: East By : Road West By :Site bearing No.47 North By: Site bearing No.49 South By: Road.
4	Mr. Narayani Ms. M Vani Loan A/C No. 411600000993	28/11/2023	Rs.281987.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.791/6 (formed in Sy.Nos. 1/1, 1/3, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/6, 5, 6/1, 6/2, 7/1, 7/2, 8/1, 8/2, 9/1, 9/2, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4, 12(P), 13/1 (P), 15/1, 15/2, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17/1, 17/2, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3, 19/1, 19/2, 19/4, 23, 24, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/5, 25/6, Property No.791/6,)Intermediate Site) in the Layout formed by the "The Mysore Electrical Industries Employee's House Building Co-operative Society Limited" situated at Bagalagurte Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 30' 0" feet and North to South: 40' 6" feet, in all total 135.00 Square yards and bounded as under: On the East by: Site No.791/7, On the West by: Site No.791/5, On the North by: Road, On the South by: Site No.818/6.
5	Ms. Shilpa S Mr. Siddanagouda Patil Loan A/C No. 411800003514	28/11/2023	Rs.706817.00 (Rupees Seven Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site No.127, (one hundred twenty seven) in a layout formed in the converted Sy.Nos.7/1, 7/2,7/3, 7/4, 7/5,8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, and 153/1, as Model Town situated at Model Town, Mudanahalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagaram District, Kaggallahalli Panchayath Property No.204/127, Assessment No. 15290200401220136 and bounded as follows: Measuring East to West: 12.19 Sq.mtrs. (40 feet) North to South: 9.14 Sq.Mtrs. (30 Feet) East by: Road, West by: Site No.140,North by: Site No.128, South by: Site No.126.
6	Mr. Ramesh H M Ms. Vimala S R Loan A/C No. 412200001173	04/12/2023	Rs.7451236.00 (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.2, E-Khata No.150200100401820348, Assessment No.221/3/3, formed in Sy.No.3/3, measuring 0-16 guntas converted agriculture to Non-agriculture residential purposes vide Official Memorandum No.ALN(JIGANI)SR.6/2017-18, dated 17.10. 2017, Situaed at Lakshmpathireddi Layout, Kalubalu Gram Panchayath, Harapannahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District measuring East to West: 53.6 feet and Northern side 70 feet and Southern side 66 feet in all measuring 3629.20 Sq.ft., comes under the limits of Kalubalu Village Panchayath together with 2 existing housed each measuring 1053 Sq. feet theron and bounded on: East by: Sy.No.3/3 Property belongs to Doddarama Reddy, West by: Remaining portion of the same property belongs to Lakshmpathi Reddi and Road, North by: Property belongs to Prabhakar Reddy in Sy.N.3/3, South by: Road formed in Sy.No.3/3 and remaining portion of the same property belongs to Sri Lakshmpathi Reddy.
7	B C Nagaraj Mr. N Suresh Loan A/C No. 16061704421	05/12/2023	Rs.1894366.00 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Six Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.01, new No.24/1, Block No.4, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in all total measuring 1200 sq.feet situated at 3rd Stage, 15th Main, Basaveswar Nagar, Bangalore, and bounded on: East by:Property No.2 West by:Narasimhaiah Property North by:Society Site South by:BDA Road
8	Mr. Raghavendra Loan A/C No. 410600006354 410600009822	07/12/2023	Rs.3404730.00 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Vacant property bearing Site No.596, the layout formed by the B.D.A at further Extension Bhanashankari (Vrushabhavathi Nagar) Layout, VI Stage, IV 'H' Block, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 6.00 meters, North to South: 9.00 meters, in all total measuring 54.00 Sq.meters and bounded on: East by:Site No.597 West by:Site No.595 North by:Site No.589 South by:Road.
9	Ms. Manjula V Mr. Rajesh V Loan A/C No. 411600005343	07/12/2023	Rs.2862759.00 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.05, CMC Assessment/Katha No.3228/198-1/5, Street No.07, Block No.2, Mustoor Road, 4th Ward, 1st Divison, Chikkaballapura City, measuring East to West 35 (Thirty Five) feet and North to South 20 (Twenty) feet, totally measuring 700.00 Square Feet and bounded on the ; East by : Site No.04 West by : Site No.06 North by: Agriculture land South by :30 Feet wide Road.
10	Mr. Ramaswamy Mahendran Devamanikantan Loan A/C No. 411600004596	07/12/2023	Rs.1626923.00 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Three Only)	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel ofimmovable property land in the layout formed by the Karnataka Housing Board ay Yelahanka New Town, 5th Phase, Bangalore, Sy no. measuring East to West 13.80 Metres and North to South 15.15 Meters, having a Total Area of 209.07 Sqmtrs and bounded by:- East by: KHB LAND West by: N-MIG/B1, KHB LAND North by KHB LAND/ROAD South by :PATHWAY/KHB LAND SCHEDULE"B" PROPERTY : (Description of the Tenement) : Residential tenement bearing No. 625, BBMP KATHA No. 2730/625/2, N-MIG-B –GROUND FLOOR consisting of Living area with balcony, 1 Bedroom, Kitchen, Bathroom and Toilet having a super built up area of 46.025 Square Meters in the 2nd block consisting of 16 Residential Tenements and 1/16 interest ownership in the common space, passages pipes, drains and stair cases of the Multi-storeyed Building constructed on the Schedule "A" property and bounded by: East by: Open Space West by : House no. 626 North by : Open Space/628, South by:Open Space/B-01.
11	Ms. Rajeshwari K L Mr. Sasikumar Loan A/C No. 411600004229 411600004230	07/12/2023	Rs.19980743.00 (Rupees One Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.16, Carved in Property No.37/2, Presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike assigned Khatha No.37/2/16, Old Khatha No.22/1, Khatha No.37/2, Situated at "Krishna Layout, Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Presently comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits, Bangalore., measuring East to West : 33' feet, and North to South : 60' feet, In all measuring: 1980 Square feet., and bounded on:- East By:Property bearing Site No.16A, West By :Property bearing Site No.15., North By:Property belongs to Sri H.R. Jayaram, South By: Road.
12	Mr. Sunil K H Ms. Gangalakshamma P G Loan A/C 410700002156	13/12/2023	Rs.1483880.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing in Sy.No.58/3, now BBMP new Municipal No.16, Ward No.17, PID NO.17-5-16, measuring 1.1 Gunta land i.e., East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., situated at Karmakshipalya, Sanegoravanahalli Dhakle, Vrushabhavathinagara, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as under: East by: Govindachari's Land West by: Marappa's Land North by:Chikkanarasimhaiah's Land South by: Road.
13	Mr. Jeevan B Loan A/C 411800006767	13/12/2023	Rs.5258552.00 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two Only)	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : Item- I : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.255/296 (108/29), Byatarayanapura BBMP Khata No.254/255/296/108, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 47 feet and North to South: 79 feet, totally measuring 3713 sq.ft., with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and bounded on the: East by: Munishamappa's property West by: Govindappa's property North by: Road South by: Remaining property of Narayanamma Item No. III : All the piece and the parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khata No.943/21/11, formed in land bearing Sy.No.21/11, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, totally measuring 2722.5 Sq.Feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and bounded on the: East by: Munishamappa's property West by: Dodda Sonnappa's Property North by: Manjunath's Property South by: Parvathamamma's Property COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and the parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khata No.254/255/296/108,109 & 21/11, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, totally measuring 8085.5 Sq.Feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and bounded on the: East by: Munishamappa's property West by: Somanna and Parvathamamma's Property North by: Road South by: Parvathamamma's Property SCHEDULE "B" : 403.91 Sq.Ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. . Flat bearing No.S-2, in the second floor, measuring about 1195 Sq.ft of super built up area, containing Two Bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered Car Parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential complex known as "KVR TOWERS", constructed over Schedule "A" Property.
14	Mr. Subramaniyam Ms. Poornima Loan A/C 411900017348	14/12/2023	Rs.1798884.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.9, Khata No.52/48, Property No.52/20/17, situated at Hennur Bande, Kasba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Banagalore measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all total 1200 Sq.foot, and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Government Bande North by: Priyasywamy's House South by: Krishna's House
15	Mr. Pradeep Kumar A Loan A/C 410500003183	15/12/2023	Rs.1257137.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Seven Only)	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Western Portion of Site No.16, Katha No.69/4294/207/1A/16, formed in old Sy.No.207/1 of Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide conversion order bearing No. BDS/ALN.(S)SR/K.T)31/2004-05, Dated 16/06/2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Currently Property comes now under the limit of Kengeri Satellite Town (Bandemutti), Kengeri Sub Division, Ward No.159, BBMP jurisdiction, measuring East to West 20.00 Feet and North to South 25.00 Feet, in all total 500Sq.ft., and bounded as follows:- East by: Eastern Portion of Site No.16 West by: Site No.16/A, North by: Site No.15, South by:Road
16	Ms. Sowmya A Loan A/C : 411900013702	20/12/2023	Rs.3098242.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Two Only)	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing New BBMP No.17A, PID NO.94-16-17A, (formerly bearing Khata No.868, property No.353, Vacant Site No.76, Assessment No.1116/1), situated at 10th Cross, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore – 560084, totally measuring 30'-0" feet North to South: 54'-0" feet in all totally measuring an extent of 1620 Sq.Ft., and bounded on: East by: Private Property West by: Road North by: Road South by: Private property SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 162 sq.ft., of undivided share of Land out of 1620 Sq.ft, in Schedule A Property , Property presently comes under the limit of New BBMP No.17A, PID No.94-16-17A, (formerly bearing Khata No.868, property No.353, Vacant Site No.76, Assessment No.1116/1), situated at 10th Cross, Lingarajpuram Village, Kasba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (To be Conveyed Property) : Flat bearing New Municipal No.17A/1, (Old Flat No.002) a 2 BHK flat in Ground Floor, situated at building called "SARWARI GLITZ" measuring 810 Sq.feet of super built up area, carpet area of 703 Sq.ft. to be constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, as per the specifications mentioned below together. This residential Flat No.002 is located above stilt called as Ground Floor. On the North of the flat is Flat No.001 and West Side of the flat is road facing, whereas South of the flat and East side of the flat is a Private property.
17	Mr. Yetagaddapally Narayanachari Mahesh Kumar Ms. Bhavana N Loan A/C : 411900012562	18/12/2023	Rs.4013806.00 (Rupees Forty Lakh Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Six Only)	SCHEDULE –"A" PROPERTY : Entire Property) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 91, VP Khata No. 109, situated at bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward No. 185 of YELACHHNHALLI Sub Division, Bangalore presently comes within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore and bearing BBMP Khata No. 276/283/91/291, PI No. 185-WO335-10 measuring 2400 Sq Feet, and bounded on the:- East by: Site No. 84 West by: 30 feet Road North by: Site No. 92 South by: Site No. 90 SCHEDULE –"B" PROPERTY : (Description of the undivided interest in the land herein) : 300 Sq feet of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule "A" Property SCHEDULE –"C" PROPERTY : (Property Conveyed herein) : Two Bedrooms Apartment bearing no. GF-1, Ground Floor measuring 1150 Sq Feet of super built up area with Granite Flooring, one covered car parking place, part of multi storied residential apartment known as "PRATHAM ROHITHRAGHAVI" constructed at SCHEDULE "A" Property along with all the rights in the common areas and easements.
18	Mr. Kakumanu Anudeep Mr. K Venkata Siva Prasad Loan A/C : 410400013567	04/11/2023	Rs.34701248.00 (Rupees Three Crore Forty Seven Lakh One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only)	SCHEDULE 'A' : All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Land listed under Item Nos.A.1 to A.18 forming as detailed above, and measuring in total 151 Acres 29 Guntas plus 6 Acres approved under BIAAPA/TP/LAO/792/2005-06 excluding Karab Area B.3 to B.18 are also an integral part hereof, all comprised in the Survey Nos.86, 86/P9, 86/P13, 86/P22 & 136 of Ilathore Village, Kundana Hobli, and Sy.Nos: 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252/1, 252/2, 252/3 & 255 of Sadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District and more clearly delineated and their boundary is marked in blue colour in the plan annexed herewith and bounded on the: East by: Hollywood Town Project and Private Property West by: Nagamangala Boundary North by: Sy.Nos. 94 & 95 of Ilathore Village and Sy.Nos. 253, 254, 256, 257, 259 & 260 of Sadahalli Village.South by: Navarathna Agrahar Village boundary & Private property of Ilathore Village. SCHEDULE 'B' : All that piece and parcel of land measuring 34,82,038 sft or such other expansion thereto as land allocated for residential plots, as well as plots measuring 1.96,192 Sft., as commercial plots for the use of the First Owner for Recreation Club, Cottages, Guest Rooms, Health Club + Spa, Grocery Market , Multi-Purpose Hall and such other commercial Purposes, all that is situated within Schedule 'A' and more fully marked and delineated in Yellow, White and blue colour hatched on plan annexed herewith. SCHEDULE 'C' : All that piece and parcel of land measuring 19,46,567.57 Sft. Towards Roads, connected pathways & parking, 7.35,907.35 Sft., towards park, Play Area and Open Spaces, 3.35,556.05 Sft, towards Civic Amenities and essential services, all subject to expansion as well as to the conditions laid down by the Local Authority and 1,96,192Sft., comprising Plot Nos. 510, 510A, 67, 64, 65, 66, 91 + 92, 92A, 14A and 53A which together with structure, buildings, fixtures & furniture, equipment etc., or more as retained by the First Owner as self-owned asset for recreation, Guest Rooms, Cottages, Grocery, Community Hall & other commercial purposes, all situated within Schedule 'A' and more fully marked and delineated in Pink colour as for as Park, Roads, Play area & Open spaces, Blue colour hatched which is approved as Commercial Area in respect of Plot Nos. 510, 510A, 67, 64, 65, 66, 91 + 92, 14A and 53A on the plan annexed herewith. SCHEDULE 'D' : All that piece and parcel of vacant residential site bearing No:57 under present Khata No: 506/57 (150300200401200908) measuring 4700 Sft. (East to West 66', North to South: 71'3").., falling under Survey No.86 of Ilathore Village comprised in the private residentially converted layout known as "SWISS TOWN" situated in the above said Schedule 'A' Property comprised in the Survey Nos.86, 86/P9, 86/P13, 86/P22 & 136 of Ilathore Village, Kundana Hobli, and Survey Nos. 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252/1, 252/2, 252/3 & 255 of Sadahalli Village II, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District and more fully marked and delineated in thick black colour border on the plan annexed herewith, and bounded on: East by: Plot No.54 of Swiss Town West by: Service Road of Swiss Town North by: Plot No.56 of Swiss Town South by: Service Road of Swiss Town.



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TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE
AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
Whereas, (1) **Sri. Somashekara A** S/o Late Anjanappa Riat 1/1, 21st Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore 560002, having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Main Branch.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.64,59,334/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on **02.01.2024** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.
Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken Symbolic possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date, Time and venue of Auction	Reserve Price
All that part and parcel of the Property bearing No.1/1, 21st Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002, measuring East to West 20 Feet, North to South 23.3 feet Bounded by: East by: A.Girishchandra's property and Road, West by: Property of Eswarappa, North by: Property of Munivenkatappa, South by: Property of Honnurappa.	08.02.2024 at 03.00 PM at Sree Thyagaraja Cooperative Bank Ltd., Bangalore A.O: No.5, 9th Cross, Narsimharaja Colony, Bangalore-560019.	Rs. 82,50,000/- (Eighty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore A.O: No.5, 9th Cross, Narsimharaja Colony, Bangalore-560019.** (Telephone: 080-22958156 / 57) on all working days during office hours. (2) The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order /RTGS drawn in favour of **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore**-payable at Bangalore. (3) Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** latest by **Previous Working Day of the auction date before 5:00 pm**. Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. (4) The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price (5) In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. (6) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. (7) The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **3.00 PM on 08.02.2024.** (8) After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. (9) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft /RTGS and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. (10) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. (11) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. (12) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. (13) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. (14) The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"**. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.
For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore A.O: No.5, 9th Cross, Narsimharaja Colony, Bangalore-560019**, for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No. 080-22958156/57) E-Mail: legal@stcb.org.in

Date : **06.01.2024**
Place : **Bangalore**

Authorised Officer
For **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**



HDFC BANK LIMITED
Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile **HDFC Limited** having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (**HDFC**) under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Representative(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be posted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC**, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.
Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1.	Mrs. Raziya Begum (Borrower) C2, 1st Floor, 32/8, Uttam Apartment, 8th Main, Malleswaram, 11th Cross, Bengaluru 560003. Also at: Genpact India Private Limited, Designation: Business Analyst, Department: IT, Tower 12, 9th Floor Sez, Pritich Park Outer Ring Road, Bengaluru 560103 Also at: Plot-35, NBR Garden RV, S No 802/1/2, Kempatti Village, Denkanikotta Tq, Kelamangalm, Krishnagiri 635113	Loan A/c No. 662944569 Rs. 30,84,584/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four Only) as on 30.11.2023	23.12.2023 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.10.2023	In Kempatti Village of Denkanikottai Taluk, attached to Kelamangalam Sub Registration District and Krishnagiri Registration District of Krishnagin District and also attached to the Village Panchayat Limits of Kempatti and Union Council of Thaliy. 1. Survey Number: 802/1, Dry Extent Hec. 1.21.5, Asst. Rs. 0.75np, in Ac. 3.00 Cents Full Extent, 2. Survey Number: 802/2, Dry Extent Hec. 0.41.0, Asst. Rs. 0.25np, in Ac. 1.01 Cents Full Extent. The said lands have been converted into house sites in the name and style "N.B.R. Garden R.V." and the same has been approved by the Deputy Director of Town and Country Planning, Vellore vide approval No.2/2009, in this Plot No.35 , measuring an extent of 2,700 Square feet , situated within the following boundaries: East : Plot No.36, West : Layout Excess Area, North : 30 feet Layout Road, South : Plot No.34. Within these Boundaries Measuring: East to West on the North Side : 40 feet, East to West on the South Side : 49.6 Feet, North to South on the East Side : 60 Feet, North to South on the West Side : 60.6 Feet. Within these boundaries land making a total Area of 2,700 Square Feet (or) 250.83 Square Meter (Two Thousand and Seven Hundred and Square Feet) of Vacant site with common rights in Layout roads is covered under this absolute sale deed. The above said plot comes under New Survey Number: 802/1A1A1A, Dry Extent Hec.1.10.57, Asst. Rs.0.69np and New Survey Number: 802/2A/2A1A, Dry Extent Hec.0.38.65, Asst. Rs.0.24np. Item 1 : Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of the converted immovable properties bearing Sy. Nos. 29/1, 29/2, 24/3, 33, 34, 35/1, 35/2, 35/3, 36/2, 36/3, 36/4, 36/5, 36/6, 48, 49/1, 49/2, 50, 51, 52/1, 52/2, 53/1, 53/2, 53/3, 53/4, 53/5 in all measuring 20 Acres 22.47 Guntas (including 38 Guntas of karab) but the net site area considered for the development is 19 Acres 14.79 Guntas or 78385.92 Sq. Meters (843746 Sq. Feet). The land considered for the Project development excluding area relinquished towards the Park and Open Spaces measuring 7869.38 Sq. Meters (84706 Sq. Feet) is 70516.53 Sq. Meters (759040 Sq. Feet) , out of which the extent considered for Phase-1 Development (excluding the area relinquished reserved/allocated for Parks and Open Space and Future Development) is 34438.81 Sq. Meter situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (Presently under the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Begur Sub-Division having Khata No. 31/31) and bounded on: East : Balance portion of property bearing Sy. Nos. 29/1, 36/6, 36/5, 36/4, 36/3 and Sy.No.20, West : Property bearing Sy. Nos. 24/2, 61/3, 57/7, 57/8, 53/6, 53/7, 54, 47, 45 and 44, North : Property bearing Sy. Nos. 56/2, 55, 53/6, 47, 46 and 37, South : Property bearing Sy. No. 24/1, 24/2, Road and remaining portion in Sy. No. 24/3, 32, 31/2, 29/2 and Road. Schedule B: A Four Bedroom type of the Semi-Detached Villa bearing No. TSOW-A3-134 in the project known as SOUND OF WATER BY PURAVANKARA constructed in the Schedule A Property, having a carpet area of 238.53 square meter (2567.52 square feet), cumulative area of balconies and utility spaces measuring 34.70 square meter (373.47 square feet) or a plinth/built-up area of 342.23 square meter (3683.72 square feet), and proportionate Common area of 18.46 square meter (198.74 square feet), corresponding to a total super built-up area of 360.89 square meter (3882.45 square feet), with exclusive right to use terrace area of 62.25 square meter (670.03 square feet) and garden area of 182.36 square meter (1962.96 square feet). The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooden doors connected with electricity and water supply. Schedule C: 0.62% of Proportionate undivided share equivalent to 439.76 square meter (4733.62 square feet), in the general and/or restricted common areas including the project land and facilities of the Residential Complex. Item 2 : Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of the converted immovable properties bearing Sy. Nos. 29/1, 29/2, 24/3, 33, 34, 35/1, 35/2, 35/3, 36/2, 36/3, 36/4, 36/5, 36/6, 48, 49/1, 49/2, 50, 51, 52/1, 52/2, 53/1, 53/2, 53/3, 53/4, 53/5 in all measuring 20 Acres 22.47 Guntas (including 38 Guntas of karab) but the net site area considered for the development is 19 Acres 14.79 Guntas or 78385.92 Sq. Meters (843746 Sq. Feet). The land considered for the Project development excluding area relinquished towards the Park and Open Spaces measuring 7869.38 Sq. Meters (84706 Sq. Feet) is 70516.53 Sq. Meters (759040 Sq. 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Schedule B: A One Bedroom type of the Semi-Detached Villa bearing No. TSOW-A3-EWS-E134 , in the project known as SOUND OF WATER BY PURAVANKARA constructed in the schedule A property, having a carpet area of 9.57 square meter (103.02 square feet), area of balconies and utility spaces measuring NIL Square meter (NIL Square feet) or a plinth/built-up area of 11.30 square meter (121.63 square feet), and proportionate Common area of 0.61 square meter (6.56 square feet), corresponding to a total super built-up area 11.91 square meter (128.20 square feet). The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooden connected with electricity and water supply. Schedule C: 0.02% of Proportionate undivided share equivalent to 14.52 square meter (156.30 square feet), in the general and/or restricted common areas including the project land and facilities of the Residential Complex.
2.	Mrs. Maharana Sunita (Borrower) Mr. Maharana Sumanaya Ranjan (Co-Borrower) Flat No B 202, Magnolia Block, Brigade Millennium Apartments, J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru 560078 Also at: Iosys Software India Pvt Ltd Designation: Director, No 273, My Bhavan, 15th Cross, 20th Main, JP Nagar, Bengaluru 560078 Also at: Row House - TsoW-A3-134, Purva South of Water, Kammanahalli, Begur, Bengaluru 560068	Loan A/c No: (1) 673122251 Rs.2,54,51,750/- (2) 680469369 Rs. 24,85,735/- Total Amount Rs.2,79,37,485/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Five Only) as on 30.11.2023	23.12.2023 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.12.2023	Item 1 : Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of the converted immovable properties bearing Sy. Nos. 29/1, 29/2, 24/3, 33, 34, 35/1, 35/2, 35/3, 36/2, 36/3, 36/4, 36/5, 36/6, 48, 49/1, 49/2, 50, 51, 52/1, 52/2, 53/1, 53/2, 53/3, 53/4, 53/5 in all measuring 20 Acres 22.47 Guntas (including 38 Guntas of karab) but the net site area considered for the development is 19 Acres 14.79 Guntas or 78385.92 Sq. Meters (843746 Sq. Feet). The land considered for the Project development excluding area relinquished towards the Park and Open Spaces measuring 7869.38 Sq. Meters (84706 Sq. Feet) is 70516.53 Sq. Meters (759040 Sq. Feet) , out of which the extent considered for Phase-1 Development (excluding the area relinquished/ reserved/allocated for Parks and Open Space and Future Development) is 34438.81 Sq. Meter situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (Presently under the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Begur Sub-Division having Khata No. 31/31) and bounded on: East : Balance portion of property bearing Sy. Nos. 29/1, 36/6, 36/5, 36/4, 36/3 and Sy.No.20, West : Property bearing Sy. Nos. 24/2, 61/3, 57/7, 57/8, 53/6, 53/7, 54, 47, 45 and 44, North : Property bearing Sy. Nos. 56/2, 55, 53/6, 47, 46 and 37, South : Property bearing Sy. No. 24/1, 24/2, Road and remaining portion in Sy. No. 24/3, 32, 31/2, 29/2 and Road. Schedule B: A Four Bedroom type of the Semi-Detached Villa bearing No. TSOW-A3-134 in the project known as SOUND OF WATER BY PURAVANKARA constructed in the schedule A property, having a carpet area of 9.57 square meter (103.02 square feet), area of balconies and utility spaces measuring NIL Square meter (NIL Square feet) or a plinth/built-up area of 11.30 square meter (121.63 square feet), and proportionate Common area of 0.61 square meter (6.56 square feet), corresponding to a total super built-up area 11.91 square meter (128.20 square feet). The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooden connected with electricity and water supply. Schedule C: 0.02% of Proportionate undivided share equivalent to 14.52 square meter (156.30 square feet), in the general and/or restricted common areas including the project land and facilities of the Residential Complex.
3.	Mr. N. Channakeshava (Borrower) No.20 2nd Stage, M R Jayram Colony, Near Ayyappa Bakery, Mathikere, Bangalore North, MSRT, Bengaluru 560054. Also at: Foradian Technologies Private Limited, Designation: Bus Development MGR Department: Ft146, 27th Main, HSR Layout, Sector-1, Bengaluru 560102 Also at: Unit, Plot-15, Sri Jinnamanna Manjunatha Enclave, Unit S No.124/ 2B,124/3, Kanegowdanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore 562123	Loan A/c No: (1) 638878597 Rs.8,38,460/- (2) 640519466 Rs. 27,271/- Total Amount Rs.8,65,731/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 30.11.2023	23.12.2023 N.P.A. Date: (e) 06.05.2023	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Plot No.15 , as per Vishweshwarpur Gram Panchayat property No.140/15, E-Khata No.150300701100220397 , formed in Survey No.124/2B, measuring 2 Acres 24 Guntas, converted into non-agricultural residential purposes vide DC order ALN(NK)SR 217/2015-16, dated 23.01.2016 and 124/3 measuring 1 Acre 02 Guntas, converted into non-agricultural residential purposes vide DC order ALN(NK)SR 218/2015-16, dated 23.01.2016, both lands clubbed together and approved by Nelamangala Planning Authority Letter No. LAO/74/2015-16, identified as "SRI JINNANABA MANJUNATHA ENCLAVE" and measuring East West: North Side: 7.69 Meters, South Side: 7.63 Meters North South: East Side: 9.89 Meters, West Side: 11.26 Meters, in total measuring 80.96 square meters , situated in Kanegoudanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded by: East : Plot No. 14, West : Road, North : Road and South : Other Property.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.
The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : **07.01.2024**
Place : **Bangalore**

For **HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Government of Karnataka.
(Public Works Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION BIDAR
NO: EE/PWD/Divn/BDR/KKRDB/JE-5/ 2023-24/2754 Date: 04.01.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDERS.
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the WORK_INDENT NO. PWD/ 2023-24/BD/RD /OW/WORK_INDENT (General 09) 6845, 6859, 6863, 6864, 6866, 6928, 6952, 7022, 7134. (SC reserve 01) 7131. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 20.00 Lakhs & Maximum Rs. 250.00 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Govt of Karnataka Viz. <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on 04.01.2024. Tenders must be submitted through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or before 16.00 hours on 16.01.2024. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.
Note :- Turn over certificate Without UDI Number will not be considered.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar.
DIPR/Bidar/214/KSMC&A/2023-24

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Stores & Purchase Department, Central Offices,
Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585 102.
Tel. & Fax No. 08472-260502, Mobile No. 77606 86172 (COSP), 77609 92029 (S.O).

No. KKT/CO/COSP/09/2023-24 Dated: 06.01.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (THROUGH KPP MODE ONLY)
Tenders through KPP portal (pre-qualification & commercial) are invited for supply of following items.

No. & date	Tender nomenclature	Value	Last date for online submission
G-25/ 06.01.24	1000 * 20 Radial TTF sets. Tubeless tyres, Extra Tubes & Flaps	Rs. 20.00 Cr.	16.01.2024
G-26/ 06.01.24	Supply of Automotive Bulbs	Rs. 48.80 lakhs	23.01.2024
A-27/ 06.01.24	Supply of Head Lamp Assemblies & Accessories	Rs. 212.00 lakhs	09.02.2024
A-28/ 06.01.24	Supply of Gaskets	Rs. 187.00 lakhs	23.01.2024

All the details of Tender, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Mail to cospnektc@gmail.com or support@eprocelpdesk.com for further information if required. Further, any addendum / corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through KPP portal.
Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases (Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/Kalaburagi/649/KSMC&A/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Smt. FATHIMA W/o Late Anthony swamy, residing at No.104, Near Basavangur Village Panchayathi office, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076.
On 4-1-2024 around 11.30 AM, I have lost my original document PANCHAYATH PARIKATHI ORAL PARTITION DEED dated 21- 01-2000, in respect of property bearing No.34, Khatha No.34/5P/1, New property No.34, situated at Basavangur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 33 Feet and North to South 50 Feet total measuring 1650 Sq. Feet. Earlier comes to Basavangur Grama Panchayath. Now at present within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Begur Ward 192. If any body found that document contact this mobile No.8105504745 and kindly return me. Regarding this I have given the complaint before Hulimavu Police Station on 04-01-2024.



Bank of Baroda
Basaveshwaranagar Branch
No 119/18, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony
Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560 079
Tel: 080-23201561, E-mail: VJBASA@bankofbaroda.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER AND GUARANTORS
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)
To, All our earlier notices in this regard prior to 27.12.2023 shall stand withdrawn
1. Mr. Ganesh K (Borrower), S/o Late. Keshavan, No 22 7th Cross Near, Anjandri Layout Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore 560015
2. Mrs. Anusuya G (Co-borrower), W/o Ganesh K, No 22 7th Cross Near Anjandri Layout Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore 560015
3. M/S AGN Door Solutions (Borrower), Prop: Anusuya G, No 203, 2/1 B, Shed No 7,R K Reddy Industrial Estate,Vidhyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560097
4. Mrs. Anusuya G (Proprietor), W/O Ganesh K,No 22 7th Cross Near Anjandri Layout , Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore 560015
Dear Sir/ Madam,
Re: Credit facilities with our Basaveshwaranagar Branch Bangalore.
We refer to letter no.RL/2018/1810000000129(HL) dated 12.07.2018 and 31.07.2018(WCTL) conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction, you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities which was reviewed from time to time and **restructured on 29.06.2021** after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature & type of facility	Limit Rs (in Lacs)	Rate of Interest	O/s (Contractual Dues) as on 23-12-2023 (inclusive of interest up to 23-12-2023)
Term Loan - HL (74690600000737)	Rs.80.00	11.95%	Rs. 91, 97,502.46 (Rupees Ninety one Lakhs seventy seven thousand five hundred Two paise forty six only)
Term Loan - WCTL (74690600001777)	Rs.21.20	10.50%	Rs. 23,17,468.31 (Rupees Twenty one lakhs seventeen thousand four hundred sixty eight and paise thirty one only)
Total			Rs. 1,14,94,970.77 (Rupees one crore fourteen lakhs ninety four thousand nine hundred seventy and Paise seventy seven only)

Security agreement with brief description of securities
PROPERTY 1 : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : ITEM NO.1 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal corporation no 2164/84/1 being the western portion of the residentially converted land bearing Sy No84/1 situated at Rachenahalli Village KR PURAM Hobli Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore measuring 2 Acres 001/2 Gunta of land (excluding kharab land) converted vide order of the Deputy Commissioner bearing no B.DIS ALN (East) S.R. (KR Puram, Hobli) /68/2008-09, dated 17-12-2008 passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore and bounded on the - **North**: Government Road, East: Land Bearing Sy No 84/1, **South**: Land Bearing Sy No 83, **West**: Land Bearing Survey No 81.
Item No II: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal corporation nos 371/1/84/1 and 2165/84/1 being a undeveloped residentially converted land out of Sy No 84/1 situated at Rachenahalli Village K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore measuring 3 Acres 12 Guntas (excluding Kharab land) converted vide order of the Deputy Commissioner bearing no B.DIS ALN (East) S.R. (K.R.Puram, Hobli) /68/2008-09 dated 17-12-2008 and B.DIS ALN (East) S.R. (KR Puram Hobli) /69/2008-09 dated 20-12-2008 passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore and bounded on the - **North**: Government Road, East: Land bearing Survey No 84/2, **South**: Land Bearing Survey No 83, **West**: land owned by Sri A.T. Babu Rao
Item No III: (Composite Amalgamated Property): All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No 371/84/1 being a undeveloped residentially converted land out of Sy No 84/1 situated at Rachenahalli Village K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East taluk Bangalorein all measuring 5 Acres 12½ Guntas or 2,31,412 square feet (excluding kharab land) converted vide orders bearing Nos B.DIS ALN (east) S.R. (KRAHO) /68/2008-09 dated 17.12.2008 and B.DIS ALN (East) S.R. (KRAHO) /69/2008-09 dated 20.12.2008 passed by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore reduced by 2155.78 square meters area being relinquished to the Bangalore Development Authority and bounded on the - **East** by Land bearing survey No 84/2, **West** by Land bearing Survey No 81, **North** By: 60ft government Road and property belonging to Sri N Lokappa and Others in the same/ The Number **South** By: Land Bearing survey No 83
Schedule 'B' Property: (Land for Apartment Buildings) All that piece and parcel of the 388.32 sqst of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the Schedule 'A' Property bearing Municipal No 371/84/1 situated at Rachenahalli Village K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East taluk Bangalore in all measuring 4.074 Acres or 177,459.30 square feet or 1917.701 square yards out of the entire extent of 5 Acres 12 ½ Guntas or 2,31,412 square feet or 21498.699 square meters
Schedule C Residential Apartment: The Apartment bearing No W1-B-1101 on the Eleventh Floor of Block-B in "VASATHI AVANTE" being constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 1,080.62 Square feet of super built up floor of which includes 750.29 square feet of carpet area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift wells, lifts staircases and other areas of common use and One reserved covered car parking Car Parking No B-50 and bounded on the **North**: Entrance/ Corridor, **South**-Open area, **East**-Open area, **West**-W1-B-1102
PROPERTY 2: All that piece and parcel of house property bearing No 22 assessment No 44 southern portion situated Shettyhalli Village Yeshwanthpura Hobli Bengaluru North Taluk coming under the purview of BBMP ward No 12 Bengaluru measuring East To West 40 feet North To South 15 feet with building on it and bounded on: **East**: Site No 3, **West**: Road, **North**: Remaining Northern portion of site No 22, **South**: Property No 21

2. In the letter of latest acknowledgment of debt dated 29.06.2021 you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of **Rs. 74.89 lakhs** as on 28.06.2021. The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest upto **29.06.2023** in the letter of latest acknowledgment of debt dated **29.06.2021** you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of **Rs. 21.98 lakhs** as on 29.06.2021. The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest upto **28.06.2021**

3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstanding from the quarter ended **MARCH 2023(HL)** and **JUNE 2023(WCTL)**. You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on **30.03.2023(HL)** and **30.05.2023(WCTL)** and thereafter.

4. Consequently upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **28-06-2023(HL)** and **29-07-2023(WCTL)** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs. 1,14,94,970.77** (Rupees one crore fourteen lakhs ninety four thousand nine hundred seventy and Paise seventy seven only) as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

6.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA.
C. MIS No. 319/2023
BETWEEN: Sri. Srinivas Reddy & another - PETITIONERS AND The Commissioner, Town Municipal Council, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala - RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the Petitioner above named has presented Petition to this Hon'ble Court under Section 13(3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 for order to direct the respondent authority to get the date of death of 1st petitioner grand father and 2nd petitioner's grandfather by name Srikantagouda Srikantagouda, who died on 10.03.2002 at the petitioner house at Near Bhagyanagar, Devanga Street, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala and order to issue death certificate and Chikitsanagar. The Hon'ble Court has issued an order dated 04-02-2024, for hearing of the petition and that if any person's desire to oppose the said Petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed in 11.00 A.M. failing which the said application will be heard and determined as ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 05-01-2024
By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, court of Civil Judge, Junior Division & J.M.F.C at Nelamangala.
Advocate for Petitioner: JAYANNA
Dadaperi Layout, Sankaragouda Road, Nelamangala Town.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA.
C. MIS No. 318/2023
BETWEEN: Sri. Srinivas Reddy & another - PETITIONERS AND: The Commissioner, Town Municipal Council, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala - RESPONDENT
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Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 05-01-2024
By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, court of Civil Judge, Junior Division & J.M.F.C at Nelamangala.
Advocate for Petitioner: JAYANNA
Dadaperi Layout, Sankaragouda Road, Nelamangala Town.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA.
C. MIS No. 317/2023
BETWEEN: Sri. Srinivas Reddy & another - PETITIONERS AND: The Commissioner, Town Municipal Council, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala - RESPONDENT
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Advocate for Petitioner: JAYANNA
Dadaperi Layout, Sankaragouda Road, Nelamangala Town.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN
My client is negotiating to purchase the Schedule Property from Dr. BASAVARAJ V. DUGANI also known as BASAVARAJ V. DUGANI, aged about 83 years, Son of late Virupaxappa Dugani, Residing at No.200, 'G' Block, Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore -560 092, Aadhaar: 4702 9292 6323 who has represented that he is having clear and marketable title over the Schedule Property.
Any persons claiming to have any right or claims or objection, may lodge their objections or claim along with supporting documents within the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.
If no such objection or claims is received within the prescribed time, my client will proceed to complete the transaction, if any objection and claim is lodged beyond the prescribed period it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections and claims by whomsoever are waived.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing B.D.A. bearing Site No.1175, situated at 2nd (Second) Sector, Hosur Sarjapur Road Layout, Bangalore, BBMP Khatha No. 335/21175, measuring East to West: 87' 10/22 feet, North to South: 40' 00' 00' feet, in all measuring 2860 Square Feet, bounded on the
East by : Road
West by : Site No. 1168,
North by : Site No. 1175,
South by : Site No. 1174
B. Srinivas, Advocate
"SUNDERA RAMA" No.230, 39th 'C' Cross, 5th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041.
9900149162, 919341194411
srinivasadvocate@gmail.com
Bangalore Date: 06-01-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
The public is hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owner M/s. Forest Power Project Ltd., registered office at 3A, Muzaffar Ahmed Street, (Rippon Street), Kolkata -700016. Mr. Nareesh Agasthi, Director and Authorized person of the said Forest Power Project Ltd., represents that the said M/s. Forest Power Project Ltd., is the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the below mentioned Schedule Property and it has valid, clear and marketable right, title and interest therein and apart from it there are no person's having any right, title, claims or interest over the same and it is free from all kind of encumbrances.
Any person's, having any claim, title, interest or right over the below mentioned Schedule Property may lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 15 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction in relation to the below mentioned Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the immovable land bearing site No.10, situated in private layout known as "PALMGROVE", measuring 860 square meters equivalent to 9255 square feet, formed in KS No.66, (Sy. No. 18, measuring 3 acres 32 guntas, Sy.No.19/2 measuring 2 acres 2 guntas and Sy.No.19/3, measuring 1 acre 14 guntas, in all measuring 7 acre 10 guntas), which are duly converted from non-agricultural industrial purpose to non-agricultural residential use, vide Official Memorandum No. ALN.SR(N)151/89-89, dated 08.02.1990, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Sreeramanna Village, Heasarghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on: East by: Plot No.9 and Road, measuring on that side 24.1 meters, West by: Private property, measuring on that side 33.8 meters, North by: Plot No.1; Measuring on that side 28.2 meters, South by: Private property, measuring on that side 22.8 meters, M. S. DEVARAJ, Partner
MD & T PARTNERS, Advocates
No.80, 1st Floor, 6th Main, 16th Cross, Gayathri Devi Park, Vyalikaval, Bangalore-560033.
Mob:+91 9341-4444-91/080-2346529

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client is desirous of purchasing the house property which is described in SCHEDULE-PROPERTY hereunder from its present owner, Mrs. Remani Koshy, W/o. Late George Theverthundiyil Koshy, residing at No. 31/1 Da Costa Layout, 1st Cross, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-560 094. It is intimated that the said owner acquired the schedule property by virtue of the Will and Last Testament dated 02.04.2004 bequeathed in her favour by her deceased husband, Mr. George Theverthundiyil Koshy, who acquired the said property by way of sale deed dated 28.05.1980 vide registered document No. 616/80-81, Volume 2052, Pages 48 to 54, of Book I, dated 02.07.1980 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. The khat of the schedule property stands in the name of Mrs. Remani Koshy in the records of BBMP and she has power and authority to sell or otherwise dispose of the same in favour of my client.
Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the aforesaid owner or objection to sale of the schedule property, should lodge his / her / their / its objections or claims with supporting documents within the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS (07 Days) of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of land bearing Corporation No.31/1, PID 86-31/31/1, situated at Da' Costa Layout, 1st Cross, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-560 084, measuring East to West 65 feet and North to South 38 feet and the access to the premises measuring 13x62 and the compound walls on the West and North having a total area of 3276 Sq. feet, along with 17 square building constructed thereon and bounded on the:
East by: Premises No. 32,
West by: Premises Site No. 30,
North by: Vacant Site No. 42,
South by: Premises No. 31
Dhirendra N. Katti
KKC & Co, Advocates
No. 4, 14th Cross,
Vyalikaval, Bangalore - 560003
Email: katti.dhirendra@gmail.com
Bangalore Date : 06.01.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Mr. MOHAMMED KHIZER KHAN, S/o. Mr. A.R. Siraj Khan, Residing at # 4/2, Silver Enclave Apartment, Cleveland Town, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560 005, is the reputed Builder & Developer and as such intends to develop the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder with reference to Mr. JAVED IQBAL, S/o. Mr. Abdul Jabbar, Residing at # 15, RMS Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, Sarjapur Nagar, Bangalore-560 094, by virtue of Registered Deed of Sale vide Deed Dated: 29-12-1993 which is Registered as Document No. 4372 of 1993-94 at Pages 162 to 165 in Volume No.738 of Book-I, by the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, and my client intends to enter into a Joint Development Agreement with the said owner of the schedule property.
Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim or objections if any to the proposed Joint Development transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within TEN DAYS from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my client will proceed with the said Joint Development of the Schedule Property and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Property Bearing Municipal Corporation No.8, situated at 11th Main, Malleshpalya, New BBMP Ward No.57, (C.R. Nagar Nagar), Kaggadasapura, Bangalore (formerly Being Site Bearing No.16 & 17, HASB Khata No.2943, situated at Kaggadasapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore).
MEASURING:
East to West : 72'71 feet;
North to South : 51'47 feet;
BOUNDED ON THE:
East by : Property Bearing No.18;
West by : Road;
North by : Road;
South by : Property Bearing No.19;
ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
M.A.L.L.B., Advocate,
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84, M. 9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 06-01-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby informed that my clients agreed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owner viz., SRI. B.E. HOODE GOWDA, S/o. Late S. H. Grogowda, Proprietor, M/s. S. L. V. ENTERPRISES, Residing at No.1, HP Gas Dealer, Guttigere, B.G. Main Road, Bangalore-560083. The Owner represent that he is the absolute owner and has good marketable right, title and interest therein and there are no other persons have any right or claim over the Schedule Property.
Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objections or claims within 10 days from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Industrial Plot bearing No.0-3, Panchayath Property No.47/03, Hennagara Gram Panchayat E-Katha No. 150200103200120358, Measuring East to West: 21.10 meters and North to South: 28.2 meters totally measuring 548.58 Sq.mtrs., situated at Industrial Estate Bommasandra 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Formed in the lands of Yarandahalli Village, Anekal Taluk, along with Industrial Shed Constructed thereon consisting of ground and first floor and bounded on:
East by : Plot No.04
West by : Plot No.02
North by : Special Plot No.24
South by : Road
Sd/- K.VENKATADRI, ADVOCATE
No.548/51/1, 1ST FLOOR GARUTHIMAN PARK, ANDAL TEMPLE STREET (BEHIND R.VEJANATH'S COLLEGE) R.V. ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI BANGALORE - 560 004
MOBILE: 9845682098

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : RT No. 76-77/23-24/SE/PHC/PKD
J.M.-RT No. 76) providing distribution system- laying parallel line in PWD roads and uncovered areas of the pt, LSGD road restoration in Kottapadam pt RT 77) WSS Agali and adjoining pt - providing distribution system to uncovered areas and LSGD road restoration works. EMD: Rs. 200000/- each; Tender fee: Rs. 11025 each; Last Date for submitting Tender : 22-01-2024, 03:00 pm. Phone : 04912544927
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-2001-2023-24
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Palakkad

YES BANK 3rd Floor, Brindavan Building, Raja Ram Mohan Roy
Sakthi Nagar, Sampangi Rama Nagar, Bangalore - 560025
POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)
Loan Account No. A/c Nos: 093084600000022, 930LA40220040001, 930LA41230850001 and 930LA41231070001.
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Limited, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notice dated 06th October 2023 under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the borrower **Ms Soorya Transporters and Traders** Represented by its Proprietor, Address: T-174/1, 11th Floor, Shivagiri Shivangiri, Hosabettu, Mangalore, Karnataka 575019. Also at 2nd Floor, N J Tower, Lady hill, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575003, (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") Mr. Sampath Shetty, Address # 1-S-21-1565/5, Shree Durga parameshwari, Kripa, Sulthan battery Road, Boloor, Mangalore-575006. Also at 2nd Floor, N J Tower, Lady hill, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575003. Also at 2-12-1/64, Apt No. 1101, 11th Floor, Classique Sapphire, I-Block, Padavu Village, Mekkedde Gudda Road, Shaktinagar, Mangalore Taluk, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575007. (hereinafter referred to as Proprietor & Proprietor) Mrs. Sampath Shetty, Address: T-174/1, 11th Floor, Shivagiri Shivangiri, Hosabettu, Mangalore, Karnataka 575019. Also at 2nd Floor, N J Tower, Lady hill, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575003. (hereinafter referred to as "Guarantor") to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Rs.9,22,10,634.89/- (Rupees Nine Crores Twenty Two Lakhs Ten Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four and Eighty Nine Paise Only) as on 03-October-2023 together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from 04-October-23 till the date of payment and / or realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.
The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the mortgage of YES Bank Limited, for an amount of Rs. 9,22,10,634.89/- (Rupees Nine Crores Twenty Two Lakhs Ten Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four and Eighty Nine Paise Only) as on 03-October-2023 together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from 04-October-23.
This is to bring to your attention that under Sec.13(8) of SARFAESI Act, where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for the public auction/ tender/ private treaty, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred and no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of that secured asset.
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES
S.No.1: Name of the Borrower: Mr Sampath S Shetty, Nature of Property / Type of Property: Open Plot, Postal Address: Sy. No: 186/2, Sarathalika Village, Nitk Beach Road, Mangalore taluk, Dakshina kannada-575025 Measuring 39.200 Sq. ft. Boundaries: East: Road, West: Portion of the same S Y No. North: S D Line and South: Road. Date of Possession: 04/01/2024.
S.No.2: Name of the Borrower: Mr Sampath S Shetty, Nature of Property / Type of Property: Residential Land and Building, Postal Address: Property bearing Door No. Padavu - 2-12-1/64, Apt No. 1101, 11th Floor, "Classique Sapphire" Apartments, I-Block, Sy. No: 79/4, 79/4B & 79/4C, Padavu Village, Mekkedde Gudda Road, Shaktinagar, Mangalore taluk, Dakshina Kannada-575007 Measuring Super BUA 1.496 Sq. ft. Boundaries: East by: S Y Line, West: S Y Line, North: R S Y No.79/2 and South: Sy No.190/2, 287/3 & Sy Line. Date of Possession: 04/01/2024.
S.No.3: Name of the Borrower: Mr Sampath S Shetty, Nature of Property / Type of Property: Open Plot, Postal Address: Property Bearing Site No. 23, BBMP Khata No.1254/2352/08/23, Old No.1254/2352/08/23, Sy No. 208, Ward No.159, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk-560086, Measuring 2.367 Sq Ft. Boundaries: East by: 30 Feet Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No.24 and South: Road. Date of Possession: 05/01/2024.
S.No.4: Name of the Borrower: Mr Sampath S Shetty, Nature of Property / Type of Property: Open Plot, Postal Address: Vacant plot bearing site no.2, sy no.22, situated at 2nd Cross, Papareddypalya, Annappurneshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560091, Measuring 1,200 Sq.Ft. Boundaries: East: Site No.1, Kharasumari No.1955, West: Property belonging to Mrs. Jalakar, North: Property belongs to Mr Ramappa and South: Road. Date of Possession: 05/01/2024.
Date: 04th / January / 2024
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
YES Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my client **VENKATESHWARAN BHANUMATHI @ BHANU VENKATESHWARAN** (Aadhar No.7347 5408 6634), aged about 72 years, D/o Sri. Venkatakrishna, W/o Sri. N. S. Venkateswarar @ N. S. Venkateswarar, residing at South 1-A19, Prashanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi, Ananthapura District, Andhra Pradesh-515134 having absolute Ownership, Title and interest of the residential house built on Property bearing New Municipal No.7CM-428 at HBRL Layout, 1st Block, Bangalore having PID No.88-250-7CM-428 in Ward No.27-Banaswadi (earlier Site No.7CM-428, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Situated at Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road, 1st Block, extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.20 Meters and North to South 15.15 Meters, totally measuring 111.63 Sq.Mtrs., has lost the Original Absolute Sale Deed dated 24-07-2000 executed by the Bangalore Development Authority in favour of S. N. S. Dhanya Kumar S/o Sri. S. P. Varadharaj Kumar vide document bearing No.3829/2000-01, Book I, Volume No.1681, Pages 16,18, dated 31-07-2000 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore during the travel from Banaswadi to Kalyan Nagar on 05-05-2023.
Any person who finds the said document shall hand the same to the undersigned Advocate and the person will be rewarded suitably.
Sd/- K. R. BHARADWAJ & ASSOCIATES, Advocate,
No.30, Above Medplus, Sukhsagar Cross Road, Karmannahalli, Bangalore-560084.
Ph:9844011174
E-Mail:krlawassociates@gmail.com

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of land bearing Corporation No.31/1, PID 86-31/31/1, situated at Da' Costa Layout, 1st Cross, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-560 084, measuring East to West 65 feet and North to South 38 feet and the access to the premises measuring 13x62 and the compound walls on the West and North having a total area of 3276 Sq. feet, along with 17 square building constructed thereon and bounded on the:
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Dhirendra N. Katti
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
District Urban Development Cell,
2nd Floor D.C Office, DK District, Mangaluru 575001
 Phone: 0824-2220593 Email: ducd_dkd@yahoo.co.in

MUN4/ IC/55/2023-24/ENO:153010 Dated : 04.01.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, DAKSHINA KANNADA District, MANGALURU, (hereinafter referred to as The Purchaser) invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Urban Local Bodies of DAKSHINA KANNADA District in Karnataka as in the below table.

Sl. No	Brief Description	Approximate value of goods & services per year	EMD	Delivery Schedule
1	Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Puttur CMC, Bantwal TMC and Sullia TP Urban Local Bodies of DAKSHINA KANNADA. Indent No: DMA/2023-24/IND0601/CALL-2	226.30	3.40	As given in tender document

(Rs.in lakhs)

For more detailed information please visit <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/>

Calendar of events are as follows:
 Last date for submission of tender: **03.02.2024 17:30 hrs**, Date of Pre Bid meeting: **17.01.2024 11:00 hrs**, Date of opening of technical proposals: **05.02.2024 11:00 hrs**, Date of Financial Bid opening: **12.02.2024 11:00 hrs**
 Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- For Deputy Commissioner
DK District, Mangaluru

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/1035/23-24 dt: 05.01.2024

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
 H.O. No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
 Phone 26677552, 26679041

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1))]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 02.01.2024

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
1	Applicants: Sri H.R.Rajesh Gowda S/o Sri H.Rangaiah Surety: Sri R.Ramamurthy S/o Sri Ramappa All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New No.2, formed in sy.no.43, situated at 2 nd Cross, Shivananda Nagar, Bangalore, earlier known as Nagarbhavi Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, BMP Ward No.35, Marenahalli, PID No.35-162-02, measuring East to West: 40 ft. and North To South: 30 ft. totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor with a total builtup area of 1800 Sq.ft and bounded on East By: Private Property West By: Road, North By: Property of Sarojamma South By: Private property.	25,42,029/- + Int. thereon 02.01.2024
2	Applicant: Smt G.Prabhavathi, W/o Sri M.P.Nagaraj Surety: Sri M.P.Nagaraj S/o Sri Papaiah All that piece and parcel of the southern portion of Site bearing No.36, Khatha No.50/2/36, converted survey No.50/2, vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 443/88-89, dated: 22.08.1992, issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Situated at Hoodi, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk now comes under the limits of the BBMP Ward No.54, measuring East to West: 30 ft and North To South : 35 ft totally measuring 1050 sq.ft and bounded on East By: Site No.35, West By: Site No.37, North By: Remaining Portion of same site No.36 & South By: 30 ft. Wide Road.	11,81,282/- + Int. thereon 02.01.2024

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

SREE THYAGARAJA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
 Administrative Office : No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore – 560 019. Telephone:22958156, 22958157.

(Rule 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Sree Thyagaraja Cooperative Bank Limited, under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers / legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers / legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule. The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Sree Thyagaraja Co-operative Bank Limited.

Sl. No.	Name of the Loanee	Description of the Property	Loan Balance Outstanding Amount	Possession taken Date
BEGUR BRANCH				
1.	Sri.Venkatesh.M S/o Late P.Muruges R/at No. 55/B, 1st Main, 1st Block, Thyagarajanagar Bangalore 560028	All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing No 56/B, PID NO 51-91-56/B, 1st Block, Thyagarajanagara, Ward 51, Bangalore 560028. East To West : 40 and North to south :25 Bounded on : East by : 1st Main Road, west by : Vacant Site No 56/3, North by : House of Murugesan, South by : Property of K S Rajagopal.	Rs.51,61,577/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 19/12/2023	4th day of January of the year 2024
BSK 1ST STAGE BRANCH				
2.	1) Sri Vasu .R S/o M. N. Ramakrishana Gowda, 2) Smt Narmada S. Both R at K-75, 9TH Cross, 4TH Main Road, L.N Puram, Bangalore-560021	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.247, situated at Further Extension of Sri M. Vishweshwaraiiah Layout 8th Block, Bangalore, measuring : East to West : 9 Mtrs., and North to South : 6 Mtrs., in total measuring 54 sq. Mtrs consits of Ground Plus 2 Floor Building and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No.265, North by : Site No.248, South by : Site No.246.	Rs.34,35,184/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Four Only) as on 01/01/2024	4th day of January of the year 2024
BSK 3RD STAGE BRANCH				
3.	1) Smt. Rekha S Chandru w/o Sri. S. Chandru 2) Sri. S. Chandru S/o Shivanna 3) Sri. Prasanth Chandru S/o Sri. S. Chandru 4) Pavan Chandru S/o S. Chandru All R/at No. 1215, BEML Layout 3rd Stage Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore 560 098.	Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)Schedule-1A: All that piece and parcel of BDA property bearing No.569, BSK 3rd Stage, in Sy.No.17 of Kathriguppa, Bangalore Measuring East to West 63.00 Feet, North to South 40 feet, along with building, presently comes under the limits of Bruhth Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having BBMP PIDNo.56-208-569, Ward No.56, Ganeshmandir Ward and Bounded by : East by : 80 Feet Road, West by : Site No.547, North by : Site No.570, South by : Remaining land in Sy. No.27 of Kathriguppe Village. Schedule-1B : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.1215, Sy.No.77 to 90, 105 to 119/1,5,4 to 122,147,165, and 273 situated at Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, formed by the BEML Employee's Housing Building Co-op Society Limited, now it is named and called BEML Layout 3rd Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Presents comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike having New Municipal No.1173/1215, Waard No.160, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Ward.measuring East to West 40ft North to South 60ft, totally measuring 2400sq.ft. and bounded as follows : East by : Site No. 1214, West by : Site No 1216, North by : Site No.1191, South by : Road.	Rs.3,86,58,301/- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Six Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred One Only) as on 04.01.2024	4th day of January of the year 2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Thyagaraja Cooperative Bank Limited

Date : 05.01.2024
 Place : Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
 Name: Sri Binoy Kumar Shrivastava
 E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
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***APPENDIX-IV-A**
 [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, secured creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis on 30.01.2024 for recovery of Rs.57,14,222/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Two Only) as on 03.01.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 04.01.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc due to the secured creditor from borrowers: 1.Smt Anitha Nikhil Dev W/o B R Nikhil Dev and 2.Sri B R Nikhil Dev S/o Sri Ramachandra Ravindranath. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 44,51,000/-	Rs. 4,45,100/-	Rs. 40,000.00

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Description of the immovable secured assets to be sold.
 Tender No: SARB/2023-24/1011
 Name of the Title Deed Holders: Smt Anitha Nikhil Dev w/o B R Nikhil Dev, Sri B R Nikhil Dev S/o Sri Ramachandra Ravindranath.
SCHEDULE "A" : All that piece and parcel of the converted lands bearing Sy.No.1 and Sy.No.109, presently assigned BBMP amalgamated Khata No.102/1 and 100/109, all measuring 1 Acres 11 Guntas, converted vide Official memorandum bearing No.ALN(NAY)S.R.169/2013-14 and Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(NAY)S.R.189/2011-12 both passed by the Dy. Commissioner , Bengaluru, situated at Thirumenehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on :East by : Land bearing Sy.No.1, West by: Road and Land bearing Sy.No.109, North by: Road and Land bearing Sy.No.109 South by: Land bearing Sy.No.109 & Sy.No.1.
SCHEDULE "B": 456 Sq ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule A. (i.e. proportionate to the Super Built up Area)
SCHEDULE "C": All the part and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No. 017 in Ground Floor, measuring 1140 Sq.Ft. of super built up area, containing two bed rooms, with RCC roofing , vitrified tiles flooring and aluminum three track windows together with one covered Car parking space, along with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, terrace staircase, children's play area, swimming pool, club house and lift contained in the multistoried building constructed on Schedule A Property known as COMMANDERS GALAXY standing in the names of 1. Smt. Anitha Nikhil Dev, W/o. B.R.Nikhil Dev, 2. Sri B.R.Nikhil Dev S/o. Sri Ramachandra Ravindranath

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.mscecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>. For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch**, #11/90, 3rd Floor, Opposite Trust Well Hospital, J.C.Road, Bengaluru – 560002, Telephone: 080 25943663 during Office hours or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **M/s Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt.Ltd.**, Bangalore Represented by : Sri. Madhava Rao, Cell No.901977090, 9448497753, Sri Manjunath Rao Cell No. 9986363038 and Sri. Chayapathy , Cell No.9901902500.

Sd/-Authorised Officer
 State Bank of India,
 Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.01.2024

Government of Karnataka
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No: GIMS/Tender/ Furniture/ 22 /2023-24 Date : 06.01.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

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Slow consumption spoils GDP party

Household consumption in FY24 is likely to grow at the slowest pace in last two decade

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

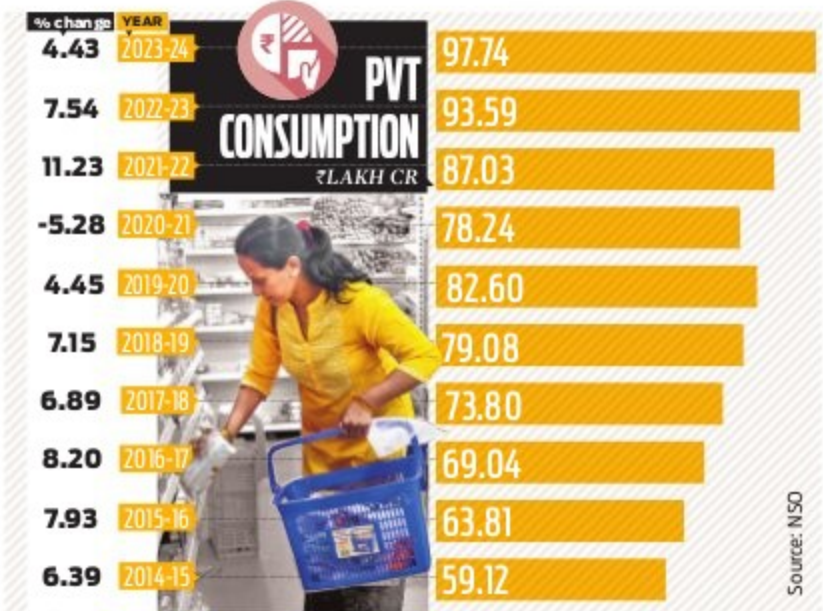
THE first advance estimate of 2023-24 GDP has sprung a positive surprise, with the economy predicted to grow at 7.3% during the year. However, slow private consumption growth remains a cause of concern.

Private consumption in FY24 is likely to grow at 4.4%, lowest in the past 20 years (barring the Covid year of 2020-21). This, despite the fact the GDP growth has been better than expected, raising fear that the growth is not reaching all sections of the society.

Data belies govt claims

The first advance estimates of FY24 GDP numbers by the National Statistical Office (NSO) belies the claims made by the RBI and the finance ministry. In its November monthly economic review, the ministry had claimed while urban consumption continued to grow, rural demand has shown a strong pick-up. "These trends signal continued momentum in coming months," added the report.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, when asked about slow uptick in rural consumption in his post-monetary policy press briefing on December 8, had told the media: "Despite late start, Rabi sowing had completed 2/3rd this season, two-wheelers sales have seen a turnaround this festive season with 20.7% growth over the previous year. FMCG sales in rural areas have shown steady demand since April of FY24 and in Q2



they have shown a growth of 6.4%. Demand for MNRGS for the first time declined in November this year by 4%."

A different story

NSO numbers tell a different story. Private final consumption expenditure (PFCE), which signifies expenditure incurred by households on consumption of goods and services, is likely growing at 4.4% in FY24 as against 7.53% in FY23 and 11.23% in FY22. In the pre-Covid period, PFCE grew at 4.5% in FY20, 7.16% in FY19 and 6.9% in FY18.

With the expected slowdown in household consumption growth, economists fear the consumption growth is largely driven by high income households. As per Sunil Kumar Sinha, principal economist at India Ratings, ongoing

consumption demand continues to be an area of worry due to its skewness in favour of goods and services which is demanded and consumed largely by the households belonging to upper income bracket.

"India Ratings says for a sustained PFCE growth, recovery in consumption has to be more broad-based where by a large contribution comes from goods and services consumed by households belonging to lower income bracket as well," says Sinha, pointing out that the PFCE growth in FY24 would be the slowest since FY03 (barring the COVID year of FY21).

The government, as well as analysts, hopes rural consumption growth, which has lagged urban consumption in last couple of years, may see some uptick, going forward. The ministry says a rise in real

rural wages, backed by a fall in inflation, has contributed to the strengthening of rural consumption. "Moreover, higher kharif output and enhanced minimum support price (MSP) have raised rural income, strengthening rural consumption," says the ministry in its review for November. A research report by QuantEco, an independent economic research firm, seems to agree with the government on rural consumption uptick.

"...administrative measures like LPG price cut, sizeable upward adjustment in MSPs, extension of free foodgrain program etc appear to be supporting rural incomes. Fiscal support could galvanize further ahead of general elections," says the report. Urban consumption is likely to moderate due to continued high interest rates and the RBI crackdown on unsecured loans.

Investment Vs consumption

Indian economy has largely been supported by investment growth in the past couple of years. In absence of private investment, the government capex spending has been supporting the economy so far in the aftermath of the pandemic. Though, analysts see signs of private investment picking up. With private sector investments likely to go up, the government hopes that the next phase of economic growth would come largely from private investment, and consumption would continue to lag investment.

'India must diversify crude, LNG sources'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA must brace for an extended period of shipping disruptions in the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, and the Indian government must adopt a nuanced approach, balancing immediate needs with long-term geopolitical and economic considerations, says independent research group Global Trade Research Institute (GTRI).

GTRI says India would require a strategic blend of diplomatic, economic, and humanitarian measures to safeguard its interests while contributing to regional stability and humanitarian efforts.

GTRI says India is heavily reliant on the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait for crude oil and LNG imports and trade with key regions, faces substantial economic and security risks from any disruption in this area. As per it, about 65% of India's crude oil imports in FY23, valued at \$105 billion, from countries like Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and others, likely passed through the Suez Canal. For overall merchandise trade with Europe and North Africa, about 50% of imports and 60% of exports, totaling \$113 billion, might have used this route.

Fund diversion case: ED raids 9 premises of Religare

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) on late Friday started conducting searches at nine premises across the Delhi-NCR region in a money laundering case linked to the alleged diversion of funds worth more than ₹2,000 crore from Religare Invest Limited (RFL), a subsidiary company of Religare Enterprises Limited (REL). The raids ended on Saturday.

The nine locations include corporate offices of RFL, M3M India Holdings, RHC Holding Pvt Ltd, Hillgrove Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, Dion Global Solutions and Prius Commercial. Officials at the agency said that including digital evidence, were seized during the searches and large-scale proceeds of crime generated out of criminal activities have been identified. RFL said its current management had also complained to the ED for initiating a probe.

"We wish to inform that the ED officials, basis a complaint made by the present management of RFL, and pursuant to the ongoing investigation with respect to corporate loan book, collected relevant information/



RFL has promised its lenders that they shall make all possible efforts to recover siphoned-off funds and in line with the same, RFL has commissioned a forensic audit to trace assets/money trail

Religare spokesperson

documents on January 5, 2024 to expedite investigation as per request made by RFL recently," the exchange filing noted.

A Religare spokesperson said they have requested the ED to expedite probe on money siphoned by erstwhile promoters Malvinder Mohan Singh, Shivinder Mohan Singh and their associates and affiliates. "RFL has promised its lenders that they shall make all possible efforts to recover

siphoned-off funds and in line with the same, RFL has commissioned a forensic audit to trace assets/money trail," the spokesperson said.

This request by Religare comes as the current management and the company's biggest shareholder, the Burman Family, are having a serious rift with each other following the announcement of an open offer by the Burmans in September 2023 to acquire a majority stake in the diversified financial company.

The ED has been investigating Religare and the erstwhile promoters (known as the Singh Brothers) since 2019, following a case by the Delhi Police. The brothers, Sunil Godhwani, former CMD of Religare Enterprises, and other persons were arrested in the same year for defrauding RFL.

The Singh brothers, who once owned Ranbaxy, one of the biggest Indian pharma companies, are accused of siphoning more than ₹2,000 crore from RFL by disbursing loans to ghost companies and using the money for personal benefits. The brothers are facing other legal proceedings in Indian courts.

GURBIR SINGH

THE detention of a 'donkey flight' - a reference to the illegal transportation of migrants via various stopovers - at Vetry airport, France has become a full blown controversy. What has raised eyebrows at home is the size of the problem.

In this case, it was a chartered cargo of 306 souls headed from Fujairah to Managua, in Nicaragua. The Romanian plane, refuelling in France, was detained on a human trafficking tip-off. Most of the flyers had paid Rs 45-60 lakh to 'donkers' (agents) to arrange their passage to the US via the Middle-East and through perilous tropical jungles to Texas or Arizona.

Earlier, we had heard of music troupes led by bhangra-pop singer Daler Mehendi making a profession of ferrying immigrants to England posing as musicians - also known as 'Kabootarbaazi'. But the scale of what is happening now beats the imagination. Interrogation of those on the Fujairah flight revealed as many as 4 similar chartered flights of Indians had already landed in Nicaragua; and another 2 had been scheduled before the modus operandi blew up.

India is supposed to be a great 'growth' story. We have beaten everyone including the Chinese, and are clocking over 7% in GDP growth. Then why are so many Indians desperate to flee our shores? Something is not right. Union external affairs minister S Jaishankar collapsed in Parliament about 6 months ago that 17.5 lakh Indians had voluntarily given up their citizenship since 2011. He presented it as Indian joining the global workforce and therefore "our diaspora is an asset to the nation." But he conceded the number is on the rise: In 2022, 2.26 lakh Indians gave up their citizenship voluntarily; in 2021, it was 1.63 lakh, and before that in 2020 it was just 85,000.

High employment, social and political discrimination and lack of opportunities is fuelling an exit stampede. A Ministry of External Affairs report says there are 29 million NRIs and persons of Indian origin (PIOs) residing outside India, world's largest overseas diaspora. Every year 2.5 million (25 lakh) Indians migrate, the highest annual number of migrants in the world.

Refugees everywhere

The consolation is India is not alone. Waves of migration are

everywhere. People fleeing from hunger and unemployment, from conflict zones and from discrimination has become the world's primary concern. An estimated 10,000 people are crossing into the US everyday illegally from its southern borders. Last year, about 142,000 illegal immigrants were sent back; but the US is still host to as many as 11 million under-the-radar immigrants.

In an election year, US' porous borders have become a major campaign point. The Republican-dominated House has stalled



SOURAV ROY

a \$40 billion Ukrainian arms aid package linking it to President Joe Biden initiating more stringent border measures. An AP-NORC poll said nearly half of US adults gave 'high priority' to tightening security at the US-Mexico border. In a December Wall Street Journal poll, 13% of voters ranked immigration and the US-Mexico border as their top issue, second only to concerns about the economy.

Clearly Donald Trump's pitch for summary deportation and the construction of border walls finds favour with 54% of US citizens as against just 24% for Biden's 'softer' policy.

The refugee journeys from Africa and Asia to Europe have been far more frightening. The civil wars in Sudan, Ethiopia and Libya are just some of the conflicts that have uprooted millions internally, millions who are desperately looking for ways to survive. A European Commission report in November 2023

said 1.08 million illegal persons were located in the EU in 2022, up 59 % compared with 2021.

These Mediterranean crossings have proved to be far more perilous than the Mexican mafia. In February last year, 93 people died after their wooden boat from Turkey crashed on the rocks off the coast of Calabria in southern Italy. Thousands more have gone missing as the boats they are stuffed in are not seaworthy and are without safety equipment. The numbers making the crossing have doubled since 2022 - 36,000 in the January-March period of 2023.

Like the US, the immigration issue has exploded giving a strong push to the far-right. In the UK, the Rishi Sunak's Conservative government has promised to clamp down on asylum seekers after migration to the UK crossed 750,000 last year.

In Italy, far-right politician Georgia Meloni rode to power partly on an anti-migration ticket; and she has promised to build 2 big detention centres in Albania to hold up to 36,000 refugees. Even in liberal Netherlands, in a shock election result in November, far-right populist leader Geert Wilders and his Freedom Party (PVV) rode to power on an anti-migrant ticket.

Rich economies need labour

A closer look though shows that the 'migrant influx' panic is largely out of place. The US and European Union economies are dependent on migrant labour to perform the lowest, menial jobs; without the migrants', many sectors may well collapse. Mexicans are the backbone of US' construction industry; and Sri Lankan Tamils hold up Switzerland's hospitality sector.

In the US, farms are in crisis as there is a short supply of migrant labour. A Pew Research study by Jeffery S. Passel and Jens Manuel Krogstad in November last year revealed the number of unauthorized immigrants living in the US in 2021 remained below its peak of 12.2 million in 2007. It was about the same size as in 2004 and lower than every year from 2005 to 2015. Finally, in these times of conflict and climate crisis that have triggered large-scale human displacement, what is necessary is to allow free movement across borders so that the unfettered demand and supply of labour keeps economies stable and eases stress on conflict zones.

This is what Beatle John Lennon sang to the world 5 decades ago in his number 'Imagine', but no one was listened.

Fed unlikely to cut interest rates: Rajan

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

FORMER Reserve Bank of India governor Raghuram Rajan said the US Fed is unlikely to cut the rates in the upcoming rate setting meeting at the end of January.

Speaking at an event in Chennai on his latest book 'Breaking

the mould: Reimagining India's economic future', he said goods disinflation is tapering, while services inflation is high with tight labour market conditions. "In this situation it is unlikely the US Fed would take a gamble and cut rates soon."

He added that it will wait until it sees inflation come down

much closer to the target.

Rajan said the government doesn't have budgetary room to continue the capital expenditure to keep going like the first two quarters of this year and have to slow down. He cautioned about overly dependent on construction sector for growth referring to recent problems in China.



19th Paradip Marathon 2024 conducted by Gopabandhu Kreedha Sansad of PPA

The 19th Paradip Marathon 2024 was conducted by the Gopabandhu Kreedha Sansad of Paradip Port Authority (PPA) on Wednesday on the occasion of 63rd Port Foundation Day with Chief Guest PPA Chairman Shri P.L. Haranadh flagging it off at Hanuman Temple Square. Shri Nilabhra Dasgupta, Dy.Chairman, PPA, Shri Y.K. Singh, DIG, Local Coast Guard Unit were Guests of Honour. The marathon covered a route of 14 km and concluded at the Gopabandhu Stadium amid great encouragement by the inhabitants of the port town and members of other Organisations. 358 competitors - 299 male and 59 female, participated in the run. Ashok Dandasena, Bhubaneswar of Odisha police won first prize in the men's category by completing the distance in 44' (minute) 07.4" (second), Rashmi Ranjan Nayak from Bhubaneswar got second prize with 44' 09.0" and Babul Tudu of Jharkhand got the third prize in this category by clocking 45'23.5". In the women category, Susmita Tigga from Sundargarh won the first prize by completing distance in 52' 43.0". Sandhya Murmu from Balasore the second prize by completing the distance in 53'05.8" and Ms. Puja Behera from Baleswar won the third prize in 56' 45.4".

Business & Beyond

NTPC Kaniha gets new project head

Shri Ashok Kumar Sehgal, General Manager, has taken over as head of project of NTPC Talcher Kaniha. He succeeds Shri N S Rao, ED, who has been transferred to NTPC Northern Region Headquarters, Lucknow, as Regional Executive Director (RED). Earlier Shri Sehgal was General Manager (Operations & Maintenance) at NTPC Kaniha. A mechanical engineer by profession, Shri Sehgal joined NTPC in 1989 as executive trainee at NSPL Durgapur and has thereafter worked at NTPC Dadri, OS Department at EOC Noida, NTPC Mouda, NTPC Vindhyanchal in various capacities.

PNB MD visited Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank has arrived at Bhubaneswar as a part of his two-day official tour. Members of All India Punjab National Bank Officers' Association led by its Assistant General Secretary Ballochan Sahoo extended a warm welcome to Shri Goel. All the senior officials of the bank including A Udaya Bhasker Reddy, General Manager, Odisha Zone & Laxmikanta Mishra, Deputy General Manager, Bhubaneswar Circle were present to receive the CEO. Shri Goel is scheduled to address the Customers of the bank, shall attend the Parliamentary Committee Meeting & shall review the performance of the bank in the state.

MOIL registers record monthly production in December 2023

Continuing with its stellar performance, MOIL achieved best ever monthly production of Manganese (Mn) ore and registered production of 1.85 lakh tonnes in December, 2023, which is 31% higher y-o-y. In the current FY up to December, 2023 also, the company has registered a remarkable growth of 41% y-o-y, with production of 12.73 lakh tonnes of manganese ore. On the sales front too, the company continued to scale impressive growth of 40% during first nine months of FY24 with sales of 11.01 lakh tonnes of manganese ore. The company has been giving utmost thrust to exploration. In December, 2023 itself, MOIL accomplished core drilling spanning 11,482 meters, which is also best ever monthly core drilling carried out by the company since its inception. During Apr-Dec, 2023 period, MOIL has carried out core drilling of 60,870 meters which is more than double y-o-y.



Vitol, GAIL sign long-term LNG supply deal in India

Singapore: GAIL (India) Limited and Vitol Asia Pte Ltd, has announced the signing of a long-term LNG deal in India for a supply of about one million metric tons of LNG per annum for a period of about 10 years, commencing 2026. Under this deal, Vitol will deliver LNG from its global LNG portfolio to GAIL in India on a pan-India basis. Given this deal for LNG tie up, GAIL Chairman and Managing Director Mr Sandeep Kumar Gupta said "This long-term LNG deal with Vitol by GAIL will augment its large liquefied natural gas (LNG) portfolio and will contribute to bridging India's demand and supply gap of natural gas". Vitol CEO Mr Russell Hardy said "We are pleased to build on the existing relationship between Vitol and GAIL and to conclude this long-term LNG supply deal together. India is a significant and growing LNG market and we are excited to bring LNG supply from our global LNG portfolio to meet this rising natural gas demand in India". GAIL (Director (Marketing), Mr. Sanjay Kumar speaking on the occasion of signing in Singapore, stated GAIL is doing this deal as demand for natural gas in India is getting consolidated and this LNG tie-up is part of the multiple negotiations which GAIL has been carrying on with various LNG suppliers for long term deals.



Shweta Sehrawat became the first to smash a double century in senior women's one-dayers as the Delhi opener scored 242 against Nagaland in the league fixture in Ranchi on Saturday. Delhi posted a mammoth 455/4 before going on to dismiss Nagaland for a paltry 55, registering a 400-run victory in the process.

Even before her international debut, the 20-year-old Australian batter was making a name for herself through the domestic system that was built by legends of the yesteryears. **Kalyani Mangale** takes a look at her journey and aspirations to follow the footsteps of her idols...

ON October 19, 2019, a few months after the video of her batting in the NSW Breakers nets went viral, Phoebe Litchfield made her debut for Thunder in the Sydney Derby, a hotly contested Women's Big Bash League fixture with their cross-town rivals Sydney Sixers. In her first gig, she saw Ellyse Perry and Alyssa Healy smash the ball around the park. Then watched nervously from the sidelines as Perry and Marizanne Kapp reduced her side to three for 25.

When Litchfield walked in at five, she couldn't have asked for a better person to calm her nerves than former Australian captain Alex Blackwell. Whatever the chat was between the two, it got her going. After settling down, the 16-year-old clobbered a perfect ramp shot over Healy's head. On her debut. Under the lights at the picturesque North Sydney Oval, the spiritual home of women's cricket in Australia. "Have a look at that. In her first game, at the age of 16. That was brilliant," Jason Richardson, the commentator, declared on air.

Thunder lost that match, but Blackwell was in full praise of the rookie. "It is some age gap between the two batters in the middle! Well played Phoebe on debut. Another cracking kid from country NSW. It was an enjoyable 50+ run partnership. Sixers too good for us tonight. We get a chance to turn things around on Sunday vs The Heat," she tweeted and the kid from Country NSW responded

LITCHFIELD & LEGACY: A NEW BEGINNING

with a record-breaking half-century against Brisbane Heat in a chase.

The immaculate footwork, an eye for gaps in the field, and the flair in her performance were just breathtaking at such an early age. "Phoebe was a bit unsure about raising her bat when she got to 50 because she was worried she'd look like a bit of a show-off, but I encouraged her to do it - she had earned it with her performance," Blackwell would later write in her book Fair Game. Blackwell even took a photo with her after a win as a keepsake. "I love that photo of the two of us - we were both genuinely happy and it was a lovely depiction of the old guard and the new guard." Blackwell hung up her boots after that season and in a true sense, that photo became 'passing the baton' moment.

A few months later, in January 2020, Blackwell put the commentator's hat at the Drummoyne Oval in Sydney as the visiting Indian side faced the Governor General's XI which included the likes of

current Australian vice-captain Tahlia McGrath, Darcie Brown, Heather Graham, and of course, Litchfield. Chasing 114 for a shock victory, McGrath gave her side a great start, but they lost the way after her wicket. With 14 runs required from nine balls and not many wickets in hand, Blackwell predicted Litchfield might play hard through covers or the reverse sweep.

Litchfield chose tradition over funk. Radha Yadav went full with her delivery, and Litchfield came down the wicket and smashed the spinner over long-on. The next ball, with eight needed from eight balls, Yadav still bowled the same delivery, but this time Jemimah Rodrigues was patrolling the boundary. Litchfield still went for the shot, the ball went through the hands of Rodrigues who is otherwise one of the finest fielders in the world. With two blows, the

young gun had blown everyone's mind under pressure against the side that went on to play the T20 World Cup final on March 8.

That was the first time, India saw the Litchfield hype train up and close. It took another two years for Litchfield to get her Australia cap, but the world had seen enough of her at that time, and the question lingering

about the debut seemed a matter of "when", not "if". Coincidentally, it came against India at the DY Patil Stadium in a high-scoring thriller. In her first attempt at bat in international cricket, Deepti Sharma got the better of the left-hander. That was the bumpy start to the international career away from home.

On home soil in January 2023, after receiving her ODI debut cap from Beth Mooney, Litchfield added a century partnership with Meg Lanning en route scoring a half-ton on debut against Pakistan. In Dublin, after the tough Ashes series, she scored her first ton. Against West Indies at the North Sydney Oval in October 2023, she equalled the record of fastest T20 fifty in the women's game. A full-circle moment indeed for someone who started the journey at the same venue four years ago in WBBL.

Litchfield is a product of that system. "Players such as Meg Lanning, Alex Blackwell, Ellyse Perry, and Alyssa Healy continue to be exceptional ambassadors for Australian cricket, both on and off the field. With the introduction of a WBBL, we want young girls to be able to dream about growing up and following in their footsteps," Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland had said while announcing the inaugural season of the competition.

At 20, the left-hander has already played with all of the names Sutherland had mentioned. She even has a century

partnership with three of them. She is part of the generation that saw women's cricket on their screen and she gets to play with the legends of the game who fought for it. She never had to work full time and come to practice not knowing when she would play the next game. In that regard, someone like Litchfield dominating the cricket field at an early stage feels like a fruit of what many like Blackwell sowed all those years ago.

In December 2023, her first time playing the ODIs in India, Litchfield swept, reverse-swept, and scooped her way to 260 runs in three matches. En route, she passed 50 on every single occasion breaking the multiple records set by the greats of the game like Belinda Clark, Claire Taylor, and Lanning, while creating a few of her own. She then followed it up with a few brilliant catches in the field as Australia took the series 3-0.

"Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see. I wrote some notes at the beginning of a song someone will sing for me," Lin-Manuel Miranda's Alexander Hamilton from the famous Broadway musical declares in the closing minute of the show. Litchfield is that legacy created by those who might not be playing the game right now but secured the future of it when they were part of it. And the country NSW kid who played a ramp shot on her WBBL debut with her idol at the non-striking end is the shining example of how good the future is.



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RANJI TROPHY

Padikkal, Pandey hit big tons for Karnataka

AGENCIES/ENS

DEV DUTT Padikkal and Manish Pandey cracked attractive hundreds to power Karnataka to a commanding 461 for 6 against Punjab on the second day of their Ranji Trophy Elite Group C match on Saturday. Padikkal (193, 216b, 24x4, 4x6) and Pandey (118, 165b, 13x4, 3x6) ensured that Karnataka led by a massive 309 runs in the first innings at close, after bundling out their rivals for a lowly 152 on the first day.

At Valsad, Tamil Nadu managed to eke out a small yet crucial 14-run first innings lead over Gujarat. After bowling out Gujarat for 236, TN struggled to get going in their first innings as they lost regular wickets as leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi (4/73) and pacer Arzan Nagwaswalla (3/35) rocked them. But a ninth-wicket alliance between M. Mohammed (85, 99 balls) and Sandeep Warrier (38) helped TN take the vital lead. Pacer Warrier returned to take three wickets as TN reduced Gujarat to 38 for three in their second innings and the latter now leads by 24 runs.

Meanwhile, batting stalwart Cheteshwar Pujara, ignored for the two-Test series against South Africa, cracked an unbeaten century as defending champions Saurashtra made a mockery of the Jharkhand bowling attack to score 406/4 on day 2. Pujara was 157 not out at stumps, and giving him company at 23 was Prerak Mankad. Saurashtra, who had bundled out Jharkhand for a paltry 142 on the opening day with Chirag Jani taking his maiden five-for in First-Class cricket, are in complete control after having taken a 264-run lead with opener Harvik Desai (85), Sheldon Jackson (54) and Arpit Vasavada (68) being the other notable contributors.

In Delhi, pacer Gaurav Yadav ripped through the home team's batting line-up with a seven-wicket haul in a devastating spell as Puducherry shot the home side out for 148 on the second day of their Ranji Trophy Group D match here on Saturday. In reply, Puducherry were 113 for 2 in 29 overs at close of play with Paras Ratnaparkhe and Paras Dogra batting on 31 and 18 respectively. Senior pacer Ishant Sharma and Himanshu Chauhan took a wicket apiece for Delhi. Puducherry trailed by 35 runs with eight first-innings wickets in hand. Earlier in the day, Gaurav Yadav added five more wickets to his overnight two as he almost single-handedly decimated the Delhi batting line-up. Abin Mathew took two wickets while Saurabh Yadav got one. Meanwhile, Rinku Singh missed out on a century (92) as Kerala restricted Uttar Pradesh to 302 in 83.4 overs. In reply, Kerala were 220/6 at stumps. Vishnu Vinod top-scored for them with 74 runs while Kuldeep Yadav took three wickets. Hyderabad, after posting 474, dismissed Nagaland twice to register an innings victory.

SPAIN GOVT ASKS ITS ANTI-DOPING BODY HEAD TO RESIGN

BARCELONA: Spain's Higher Council for Sports, its leading governmental sports authority, publicly demanded the director of its anti-doping agency resign after accusations of malpractice. A complaint against agency director Jos' Luis Terreros prompted a ministerial probe. The council for sports said on Friday the accusations included financial irregularities plus irregularities in doping controls and sanctions, without elaborating. The council asked for Terreros to step down given the 'events and the reputational damage that Spanish sports and our system of (doping) control could face,' according to the statement.

The Rohit & Kohli conundrum for T20 World Cup

GOMESH S @ Chennai

SHORTLY after the Test win in Cape Town, India captain Rohit Sharma was addressing a press conference. While questions varied from pitches to challenges, there was one fielded alongside a query on batters' adaptability — what is the next focus for you, the Afghanistan series or the England one? Rohit, being Rohit, understood what it meant, quipped, "dimmag laga rahe ho aap (you are putting your mind into it)," before answering the question on adaptability instead of this.

The intended question there was of course whether Rohit is looking to play T20Is for India again. The India captain, along with Virat Kohli and KL Rahul, hadn't featured in the shortest

format since the 2022 T20 World Cup, but the talks of them playing T20Is again began shortly after the ODI World Cup. In the lead-up to the global event in the West Indies and United States, the speculations are gaining momentum. While the BCCI is yet to announce the squad for the three T20Is against Afghanistan, there have been reports that both the seniors have expressed their interest to continue playing in the shortest format.

As of now, Rohit is still officially the all-format captain despite not playing in one since November 2022. During this time, Hardik Pandya took charge of the T20I team and led them well, but his injury concerns had thrown a cloud of uncertainty. In the T20I against Australia after the ODI World



Cup, Suryakumar Yadav captained the side and he continued on the same role in South Africa as well with Rahul captaining in ODIs. While Kohli and Rohit has not said anything on the subject, Rahul has indicated that he would even move down the order to find a place in the T20I side. Now, there is little question on the calibre of these batters who used to be India's top-three in T20Is. However, in the last 12

months, the youngsters who have come in, stepped up to seal the spots for themselves. Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, and Rinku Singh have delivered every time the team needed them. Throw Hardik Pandya and Suryakumar Yadav into the mix, at least three of the top-six spots are already filled. The only available spot is the wicketkeeper-batter, and that is what Rahul would be eyeing for.

The case of Rohit and Kohli is a little complicated. To accommodate them, even if both of them open the batting, the selectors will have to leave out both Jaiswal and Gaikwad. SKY at No.3 followed by Hardik, Rinku and the wicket-keeper batter. It would mean that there are no left-handers in the top four and

is, to a large extent, the same batters who featured in the last T20 WC. In the upcoming edition, India are playing all their league games in the USA before moving to West Indies. This is where Rohit and Kohli could come in handy with the unexpected nature of the surfaces in the USA, and those that are on the slower side in the Caribbean.

While the squad for the Afghanistan series that begins on January 11 should present a much clearer picture, the bottomline could come down to how they fare in the first half of the IPL season. Will they move forward with the next generation who have proven that they belong or will the veterans get to have one last go at the ICC trophy, only time will tell.

Derby delight: Newcastle overcome Sunderland

AGENCIES @ London

NEWCASTLE ended their 13-year wait to beat bitter rivals Sunderland as Alexander Isak's double inspired a 3-0 win in the FA Cup third round on Saturday. In the first Tyne and Wear derby since 2016, Eddie Howe's side put their bitter local rivals to the sword thanks to Dan Ballard's first-half own goal and Isak's brace after the break at the Stadium of Light.

Newcastle had lost six of their previous seven clashes with Sunderland, but their composed display neutered the fired-up Black Cats and delivered a first derby success since a 1-0 victory in 2011.

After four successive defeats in all competitions, Howe hoped the derby would be a "season-changing" moment to save the wounds from their Champions League exit and poor Premier League form.

Whether vanquishing sec-



Newcastle's Alexander Isak celebrates after scoring the second goal | AFP

ond-tier opponents will prove transformative remains to be seen, but for now local pride was all that mattered to the 6,000 Newcastle fans who waved their black and white scarves in delight at the final whistle. **FA Cup results (Rd 3):** Brentford 1-1 Wolves; Fulham 1-0 Rotherham; Tottenham 1-0 Burnley; Maidstone United 1-0 Stevenage; Coventry 6-2 Oxford Utd; Millwall 2-3 Leicester; AFC Wimbledon 1-3 Ipswich Town; Sunderland 0-3 Newcastle.

EXPRESS READ

Sabalenka, Rybakina set up Oz Open rematch

BRISBANE: Top seed Aryna Sabalenka swept past Victoria Azarenka into a Brisbane International final against World No 4 Elena Rybakina, setting up a replay of their 2023 Australian Open decider. Sabalenka saw off her fellow Belarusian 6-2, 6-4.

Bhambri-Haase pair loses in Brisbane semis

BRISBANE: India's Yuki Bhambri and his Dutch partner Robin Haase lost (3-6, 7-6, 9-11) their semifinal match against the duo of Lloyd Glasspool of England and Jean-Julien Rojer of the Netherlands in the Brisbane International ATP Tour meet.

Srihari LR upsets Boris to maintain lead at top

CHENNAI: Talented Indian junior Srihari LR, who is also a Grandmaster norm holder, continued his fine run as he upset Russian GM Boris Savchenko in the ninth round of the Chennai Open International Grandmaster Chess tournament here on Saturday.

Easwaran to lead India A against England

MUMBAI: Abhimanyu Easwaran was on Saturday named captain of a 13-member India A squad for the upcoming four-day match against visiting England Lions. The two teams will engage in a two-day warm-up match in Ahmedabad on January 12-13.



FITTING FAREWELL

Australia's David Warner walks back after his final Test innings at his home ground, the SCG. Warner scored 57 runs as the hosts beat Pakistan by eight wickets in the third Test, completing a 3-0 sweep | AFP

Kho Kho: Odisha enter semifinals with win over Giants

AGENCIES @ Cuttack

DEFENDING champions Odisha Juggernauts became the third side to enter the semi-finals of the Ultimate Kho Kho, edging past Gujarat Giants 30-27 here on Saturday.

Rohan Singade was the star

performer for the Juggernauts, frustrating the Giants' attackers in the final turn to make a difference. The Giants opted to defend after winning the toss, and their first batch consisting of Suyash Gargate, Faizankha Pathan and Abhijit Patil earned a dream run point. The subse-

quent batch of K Ram Mohan, V Subramani and Rajvardhan Patil secured another dream run point for the Giants. But the Juggernauts managed to hold a 14-2 advantage at Turn 1.

The Juggernauts began the Turn 2 with an impressive defensive display. Their first batch

of Gowtham MK, Vishal and Dilip Khandavi remained on the pitch for five minutes and 13 seconds and managed five dream run points. Manoj Patil remained unconquered in the second batch, while the Juggernauts entered the second innings with a 19-14 advantage.



The Kejriwal parallel

1 Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal recently ignored the ED's third consecutive summons to appear in connection with the excise policy scam, which gave the agency the right to seek an NBW against him. This newspaper was the first to break the story on the scam.

2 Kejriwal instead sought to take the moral high ground on January 4, claiming the BJP government wanted to tarnish his image and asserted that his honesty is his biggest asset. "My lawyers have told me that the ED summons are illegal. BJP wants to arrest me to stop me from campaigning for Lok Sabha polls," alleged Kejriwal, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener.

3 He said he has written to the ED, saying their summonses are illegal but has not got any response. "They haven't replied because they know that their summonses are illegal. Should I follow illegal summons? If legally sound summons will be issued, I will follow them. My greatest wealth is my honesty. They want to break me by tarnishing my image," he said.

WHY THIS MAY NOT BE A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR JHARKHAND CM

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

THE countdown for Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has begun. His Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) coalition government is keeping its fingers crossed hoping Soren would complete his tenure by this year-end. But Soren apparently is preparing for the worst, expecting a knock from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to arrest him any time now.

He has already ignored seven ED summons to appear before it in person in connection with a land scam case. The ED was legally empowered to seek a non-bailable arrest warrant (NBW) against Soren from a court of law after he skipped the third summons. Yet, it decided to play mind games and served four more summons, perhaps to neutralise the sympathy factor politicians hope to whip up under such circumstances, circling its prey and waiting for the right time to strike.

Soren fears appearing before the ED would be a one-way ticket to jail. As such, he has set in motion what is being called Plan B to do a Lalu Yadav in the state. When Lalu was arrested in the fodder scam case while he was the Bihar CM in 1997, he got his spouse Rabri Devi to occupy the hot seat. The buzz is Soren likewise hopes to install his wife Kalpana as CM whenever he is arrested.

The contours of his political survival strategy spilled out recently after the resignation of senior JMM MLA from the Gandey constituency, Sarfaraz Ahmed, for no apparent reason. His is a safe general seat from where the BJP lost thrice in four consecutive elections. The buzz is he sacrificed it to let Soren field Kalpana from Gandey. For the record, Soren rubbished speculation on giving the Gandey ticket to Kalpana, saying it was a figment of the BJP's fertile imagination. Yet, the chatter refuses to die down. But what is the land scam case all about?

Land scam

It all began after an FIR on money laundering was registered at the Bariatu Police Station in Ranchi against Pradip Bagchi, a close associate of shady IAS officer Chhavi Ranjan, based on a complaint from the Ranchi Municipal Corporation. The ED then took the probe lead and uncovered a land mafia that used to forge legacy records in Kolkata and Ranchi, and was active in Jharkhand. During the 41 searches and five surveys it conducted, the agency found incriminating evidence like forged seals of the land revenue department, forged land deeds, records of the distribution of proceeds, photographs of doing forgery and evidence of giving bribes to government officials.

Later, based on an FIR registered at the Sadar police station for the fraudulent sale of a one-acre plot in upscale Cheshire Home Road in Ranchi, well-known businessman Bishnu Kumar Agrawal was arrested on August 1 last year. Besides the Cheshire Home Road



E.D. SUMMONS SOREN'S PRESS ADVISER, SENIOR BUREAUCRAT

The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's press adviser Abhishek Prasad and Sahibganj Deputy Commissioner Ram Niwas Yadav for questioning in connection with the illegal mining case, official sources said. Prasad alias Pintu has been asked to depose at the federal agency's Ranchi office on January 16, Yadav on January 11.

property and a 9.3-acre plot at Namkum, Agrawal, in connivance with Chhavi Ranjan and others, also bought a 5.83-acre plot at Bariatu in Ranchi through fake papers, as the actual owner of the property since 1949 is the Indian defence establishment.

As for Agrawal, runs multiple shopping malls and various other business establishments. The probe agency accuses him of being habitually involved in acquiring land illegally in connivance with government officials like Chhavi Ranjan. After arresting Agrawal, Soren was summoned for the first time to the ED office for questioning, but he refused to show up.

As of now, 13 people, including Chhavi Ranjan, are under custody over the fraud. The ED registered two separate cases in connection with the land scam, based on two FIRs registered with the Bariatu and Sadar police stations in Ranchi. The ED has already attached two land parcels worth ₹74.38 crore in the case. While one of them measures 4.55 acres - with a commercial value of ₹41.51 crore - and is located at Bariatu, the other one with an area of 7.16 acres at Bajra has a commercial value of ₹32.87 crore.

Summons after summons

Soren avoided seven ED summonses in the land scam case, giving one excuse after another. He dodged the first one on August 14 last year by writing to the ED, asking it to



KALPANA SOREN

Kalpana Soren, 48, hails from a business family in Mayurbhanj district in Odisha. She had been maintaining distance from active politics till last year, but started accompanying Soren to various events ever since the office of profit case surfaced. Kalpana runs a private school and several other businesses. She is said to be particularly interested in schemes that empower women.

withdraw the summons and threatening to take legal action. But the ED issued its second summons, asking him to appear before it on August 24. Soren missed it and wrote to the ED saying he has filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court challenging the summons, yet he got the third summons. Even before the SC disposed of his petition, the fourth summons came demanding his appearance on September 23.

Soren sought relief from the Jharkhand High Court, but a few days later, the ED issued its fifth summons asking him to appear on October 4. No show again, so he was called for questioning for the sixth time on December 12, but missed it. He was given a last chance to appear on December 29, with the ED letting him decide the time, date and place for its officers to come and record his statement, yet he refused.

On January 2, Soren sent a three-page letter to the ED questioning its motive and indicating he won't appear before it. He went on to allege that issuing a series of summons was an attempt to malign his image. He also complained that the press gets all informa-

tion ahead of each summons, triggering an unfair media trial.

Office of profit case

Another charge Soren faced earlier was while he was handling the mining portfolio. It was alleged that he allotted a stone chips mining lease to himself in 2021, flouting the office of profit norms. On February 10 last year, a BJP delegation met former Governor Ramesh Bais and demanded Soren's disqualification as a legislator. Bais forwarded the BJP's memorandum to the Election Commission of India, which sent its recommendation to the Raj Bhavan in August last year. Its contents are yet to be made public.

But present Governor C P Radhakrishnan on December 12 reignited a spark saying he is examining the ECI report, which suggested the office of profit case is still open. Soren had been grilled by the ED for nearly 10 hours on November 18, 2022, in that case.

Why Gandey seat

Sarfaraz Ahmed, who mysteriously resigned from Gandey, first entered the poll fray from there on an RJD ticket in 2005 but was defeated by JMM's Salkhan Soren. In 2009, he got a Congress ticket and extracted revenge by defeating JMM's Soren. In 2014, the Congress repeated him from Gandey but he lost to the BJP's J P Verma due to the Modi wave. In 2019, when the seat went to the JMM as it was contesting as part of a pre-poll alliance that included the Congress and the RJD, Sarfaraz coolly jumped ship to the JMM and wrested the seat.

With the JMM-RJD-Congress alliance in Jharkhand fully supported by the Left parties, it would be impossible for the BJP to defeat any common candidate fielded by them, making it a safe seat. Kalpana Soren hails from Odisha, so she is not legally eligible to contest elections from a reserved seat in Jharkhand. That's why Gandey is significant. It's a general category seat that could ease the path for her entry into the assembly.

Bypoll or not

The BJP cites case laws barring by-elections if a seat falls vacant with less than a year of the assembly's tenure left. To do so, it begins its counting from December 23, 2019, the day the results of the fifth Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha elections were declared. Since Sarfaraz's resignation was accepted on December 31, 2023, Gandey fell vacant eight days short of a year, it claims. But the JMM applies a different yardstick. It argues that the first session of the fifth Jharkhand Assembly was convened on January 6, 2020. According to Article 172 of the Constitution, the tenure of the fifth Jharkhand Assembly is till January 5, 2025, so Gandey very much eligible for bypolls, it reasons.

ED probing two cases

The ED is probing two major cases of money laundering in Jharkhand. The first relates to illegal mining in Sahibganj in which the CM was questioned on November 17 last year. The second one is about the alleged land scam in Ranchi for which Soren has ignored ED summons seven times.

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE Centre recently signed a so-called historic agreement with the pro-talks faction of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), which, in any case, remained among people - at peace. The pact is expected to protect the land of the indigenous communities, thwart alleged attempts at changing the demography of constituencies and ensure infrastructure development. However, the ULFA residue - the Paresh Baruah-led anti-talks faction - continues to remain a headache for the government.

When and why was ULFA founded?

The Assamese have their own unique culture, language, tradition, history and a strong sense of identity but they increasingly felt threatened by the unabated influx of migrants, which started in the 19th century, to the tea, oil and coal-rich region. The exodus of refugees from the then East Pakistan (present day Bangladesh) - after the partition of India and during the Liberation War of Bangladesh - further increased the insecurities of the Assamese.

It was in this backdrop that a small group of radical young men, including Paresh Baruah, Arabinda Rajkhowa, Anup Chetia, Bhupen Borgohain, Pradip Gogoi, Bhadrachar Gohain, Budheswar Gogoi and the relatively older Bhimakanta Buragohain, who was the outfit's political advisor and ideologue, got together at the Ahom-era Rang Ghar in Sivasagar on April 7, 1979 and founded the organisation.

The same year, the All Assam Students' Union had launched the Assam Agitation against illegal migration from Bangladesh. It culminated with the signing of the Assam Accord with the Centre in 1985 but the concerns of the Assamese remained. All this while, ULFA was more like an over-ground organisation, actively working among people to strengthen its base. It started resorting to violent operations in the late 1980s when extortions, kidnappings and killings were common. So, the Centre banned it as a terrorist outfit in 1990.

Secret killings

The second term of former chief minister and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) leader Prafulla Kumar Mahanta (1996-2001) was marked by 'secret killings' - a dark chapter in Assam's history. Masked gunmen, allegedly surrendered ULFA members and policemen, would approach their targets - family mem-

IMPORT OF PEACE DEAL WITH PEACEFUL FACTION OF ULFA

bers, relatives of ULFA rebels and ULFA sympathisers - at night and knock on the door. When the victims opened the door, they were shot or kidnapped to be shot elsewhere. Some 400 such killings happened between 1998 and 2001. They stopped only after the AGP was ousted from power in 2001. But in June last year, the Gauhati High Court upheld its 2018 order, absolving Mahanta of the charges of orchestrating the killings.

Efforts for peace

The first peace initiative was made in September 2005 when ULFA formed the People's Consultative Group (PCG), led by eminent Assamese writer and Jnanpith Award winner Dr Indira Goswami, better known as Mamoni Raisom Goswami, for negotiations. Three rounds of talks were held at the then prime minister Manmohan Singh's residence in December that year. However, the process inexplicably did not move any further.

Split in ULFA

Even as ULFA went about carrying out violent operations, Anup Chetia was arrested in Bangladesh under the Foreigners Act and the Passports Act and incarcerated. The rebel group suffered a body blow in 2009 when most of its top leaders, including chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa, deputy 'commander-in-chief' Raju Baruah and 'foreign secretary' Sasha Choudhury, fell in the net of Bangladeshi authorities. Subsequently, they were handed over to India. They languished in a jail in Guwahati for some time but when they agreed to join the peace talks, all charges against them were dropped and they were released.

On September 3, 2011, a tripartite agreement for Suspension of Operations was signed among the Centre, Assam government

and ULFA. The agreement, however, caused a split in the outfit. While the group led by the Rajkhowa (pro-talks) decided to make peace, another faction led by 'commander-in-chief' Paresh Baruah that operates out of Myanmar, stuck to its guns on the sovereignty demand. Chetia was handed over to India by Bangladesh in 2015 and he became a key leader of the pro-talks faction.

Takeaways from the latest accord

The development of infrastructure and protection of constituencies for the indigenous populace are the two biggest takeaways. Assam will get a series of infrastructure projects worth over ₹1.5 lakh crore. They will be implemented in a time-bound manner, the Centre said. Explaining the benefits, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the political rights of the indigenous people would be protected. He said till a law is enacted to deport illegal migrants to Bangladesh, this pact is the final solution from the perspective of the security of the Assamese. The accord has ensured the highest level of protection to the Assamese within the constitutional limits, he claimed.

"The biggest achievement in 2023 was the delimitation exercise carried out by the Election Commission (EC). It secured 106 of the state's 126 Assembly constituencies for the indigenous people. Now, only those people whose families lived in Assam for (at least) 100-200 years, will get elected from these seats. So, the EC must be commended," Sarma added. "There are two big points in the ULFA accord. It says the principles of the 2023 delimitation exercise will be maintained in future delimitation exercises in Assam. The state will be unaffected by the delimitation principles elsewhere in the country. This clause will protect Assam for the next 30-40 years," he explained.

Alluding to a certain community, he said the accord would prevent people of one constituency from becoming voters of another constituency. He said the Assamese lost one constituency after another to 'others' because of such migration of voters. It affected the demography of constituencies. "The accord says such migrants now have to be permanent residents of the constituency where they are shifting through the procurement of land or they have to be government employees. There will be further discussions and analysis on the conditions," Sarma said.

He indicated that the migration of the surplus population of the community in question from one constituency to another was part of a design to change its demography. On the indigenous people's rights to land, he said after the ULFA pact, 'others' would not be able to purchase land within a radius of 5 km from an iconic structure.

Challenges ahead

There is a perception that permanent peace cannot be established unless the ULFA's anti-talks faction is brought to the talks table. Baruah says sovereignty should be on the table for him to open talks. But Sarma ruled out sovereignty.

He said he would want Baruah to visit Assam once for 15 days with safe passage so the insurgent leader gets to know the state's changing reality. If Baruah visits the state and talks to people, the outfit's charter of demands would automatically change, he added.

Meanwhile, after lying low for two-and-a-half years since Sarma donned the CM's mantle, the ULFA's anti-talks faction stepped up its activities. It triggered three low-intensity blasts in upper Assam. Nobody was killed or injured but the explosions managed to shake up the establishment.

GUNS AND ROSES

- **April 7, 1979:** United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) formed at Rang Ghar, an Ahom era amphitheatre, in Assam's Sivasagar
- **1980:** ULFA targets Congress politicians, business houses from outside the state, tea gardens and PSUs, particularly in the oil and gas sector
- **1985-1990:** Spate of ULFA kidnappings, extortions and killings during the first term of AGP govt led by Prafulla Kumar Mahanta
- **November 29, 1990:** President's Rule imposed, Mahanta govt dismissed
- **November 1990:** Assam declared a Disturbed Area; Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act invoked. ULFA declared a separatist and unlawful outfit
- **June, 1991:** Cong govt led by Hiteswar Saikia assumes office
- **March 1992:** ULFA splits with a section coming over ground and surrendering and organising themselves as Surrendered ULFA (SULFA)
- **1996:** AGP returns to power and Mahanta becomes CM for the second time
- **1997-2000:** Series of killings of family members of ULFA militants allegedly by SULFA which was termed as 'secret killings'
- **2001:** Congress government with Tarun Gogoi as the CM assumes office
- **December 2003:** 'Operation All Clear' launched by the Royal Bhutan Army to close down ULFA and other NE militants camps there
- **2004:** ULFA agrees to hold talks with the govt
- **September 2005:** ULFA constitutes 11-member People's Consultative Group. Three rounds of talks led by Indira Goswami held but no headway
- **June 2008:** Leaders of ULFA's 28th Battalion declare unilateral ceasefire
- **December, 2009:** ULFA top leaders, including chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa, arrested in Bangladesh, deported
- **December 2010:** Jailed ULFA leader forms 'Citizen Forum', comprising intellectuals, writers, journalists and professionals to urge govt for talks
- **2011:** Rajkhowa and other jailed leaders freed. ULFA splits into ULFA (pro-talks) led by Rajkhowa, and ULFA (Independent), headed by Paresh Baruah
- **2015:** ULFA general secretary Anup Chetia released from a Bangladesh jail
- **May 2021:** BJP's Himanta Biswa Sarma becomes CM, extends olive branch to Paresh Baruah-led ULFA (I)
- **April 2023:** Centre sends draft of the proposed agreement to the ULFA (pro-talks) faction
- **December 29, 2023:** Tripartite signing of Memorandum of Settlement between the Centre, state government and ULFA (pro-talks) faction